

Dear Ellsworth Water Customer,

We are writing to inform you that the City Water Department has received a notice regarding a total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) exceedance in the water quality for the High Street area near Myrick Street (**please refer to the highlighted map on the back of this letter**). This exceedance does **not** affect the entire city water supply.



TTHMs, a disinfection by-product (DBP), were found at levels that exceed the regulatory standard of 80 parts per billion (ppb) when calculated as a **running annual average**. The most recent sample from the fourth quarter of 2024 measured 54 ppb, which is **within acceptable levels**. However, when averaged with the previous three quarters, the annual average resulted in 89.5 ppb, leading to this notification.

TTHMs are by-products formed when chlorine—used to disinfect the water supply—reacts with naturally occurring organic material in surface water. TTHMs occur in varying levels in all chlorinated water systems.

This is **not an emergency** or an immediate health risk. You do not need to boil your water or take any corrective actions at this time. If this were an emergency or the water were unsafe to drink, we would notify you within 24 hours. However, if you have specific health concerns, particularly if you are pregnant, elderly, or have a compromised immune system, we recommend consulting your doctor.

We are actively working to address this issue by monitoring water quality to ensure samples continue to remain within acceptable levels and implementing measures to maintain consistent reductions in TTHM levels.

If you have questions about this notice or need further clarification, please contact the Water Department directly at **207-667-8632**. Additionally, you can watch a recent Water Treatment Plant Workshop meeting to learn more about this topic:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynMOOayEtwo>

Thank you for your understanding as we work to ensure the safety and quality of your water.

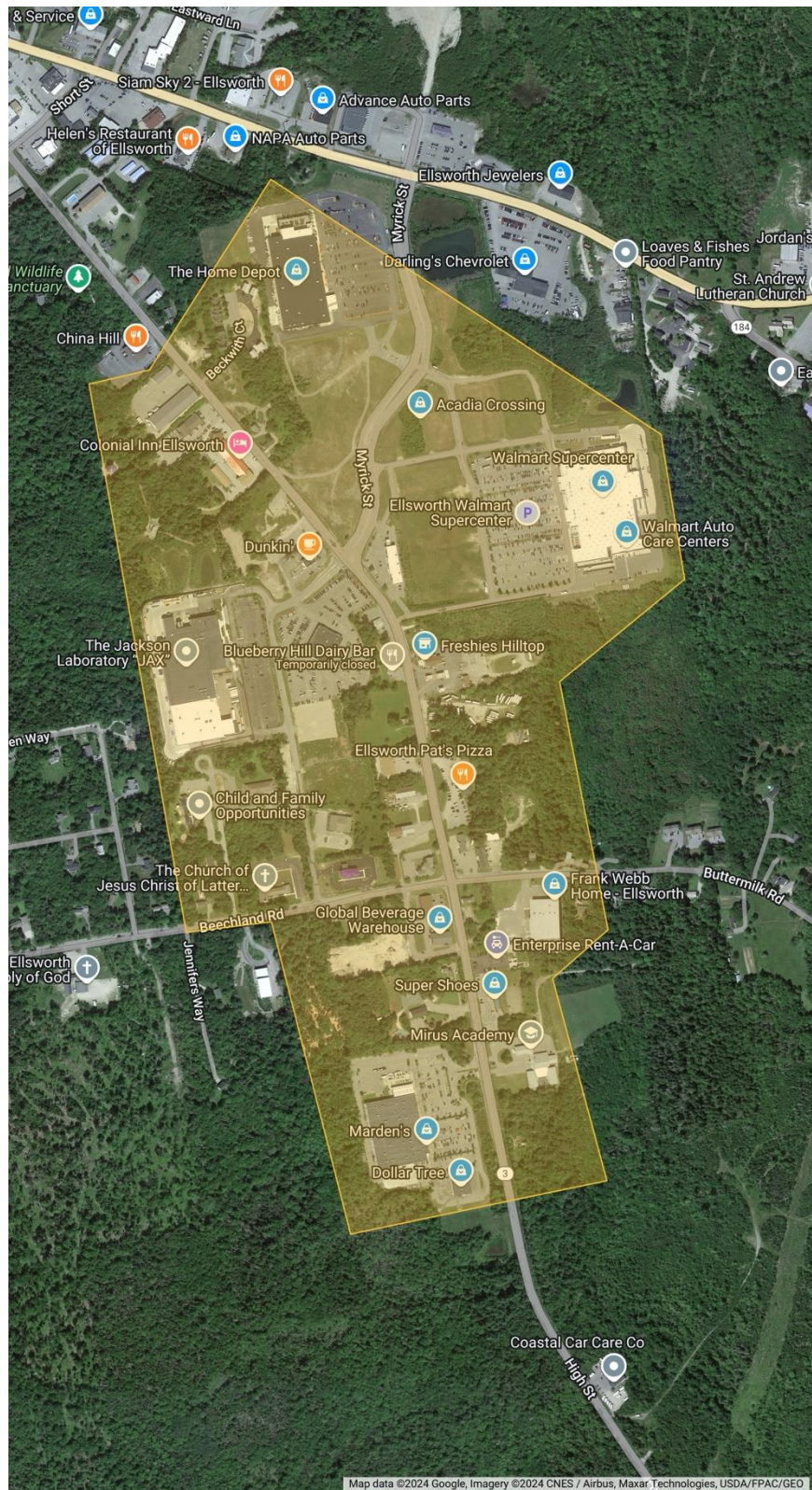
Sincerely,

Reggie Winslow

Water Dept. Superintendent

Charlie Pearce

City Manager



Zone with higher test levels of Total THMS

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

(with Certification)

ELLSWORTH WATER DEPARTMENT (PWSID# ME0090520) LEVEL OF TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES IN THE DRINKING WATER EXCEEDS FEDERAL DRINKING WATER STANDARD for the period 10/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

Water tests recently conducted show that the average level of total trihalomethanes in the water system at 368 HIGH STREET is **89.5 parts per billion (ppb)**. This is above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) allowed for total trihalomethanes in drinking water which is **80 ppb (0.080 ppm)**.

What You Should Do:

There is nothing that you need to do at this time other than to be aware that the water has total trihalomethanes above the allowable level and to take any precautions your doctor advises if you have specific health problems.

Possible Health Effects:

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver, kidney and central nervous system problems and an increased risk of cancer.

Consult your doctor if you have any specific health concerns.

What is Being Done:

Corrective Action: To correct the problem we are going to:

CONTINUED FLUSHING AS THIS IS WORKING TO GET BELOW ACCEPTABLE LEVELS

We anticipate resolving the problem by MARCH 1, 2025. We will inform you when this problem has been corrected.

For more information, please contact:

CITY OF ELLSWORTH WATER DEPT (PRINT PWS CONTACT NAME)

207 - 667-8632 (PHONE #)

1 CITY HALL PLZ (LOCATION/ADDRESS)

**Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

CERTIFICATION: By signing below, you certify and attest that you have notified consumers about the above listed violation in accordance with the delivery, content, format requirements, and deadlines, as specified in 40 CFR 141, Subpart Q and 22 M.R.S. § 2615.

Method Used: ☒ Mail ☐ Hand-deliver ☐ Newspaper ☒ Postings (cannot be sole method of distribution)


(SIGNATURE OWNER/OPERATOR)

2/5/25
(DATE NOTICE DISTRIBUTED)

***Return a copy of this completed/signed notice to the Maine DWP at the following address:**
Maine Drinking Water Program, 11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0011