

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Marion Water Division

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During Quarter 1 we did not complete all monitoring or testing for VOCs, SOCs, Gross Alpha and Radium 226 and 228 and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

### What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample these contaminants and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples Should have been taken	When samples Were taken
VOCs <sup>1</sup>	1 Sample / Year	0	Q1 2025	April 2025
SOCs <sup>2</sup>	1 Sample / Year	0	Q1 2025	April 2025
Gross Alpha	1 Sample / Year	0	Q1 2025	April 2025
Radium 226 & 228	1 Sample / Year	0	Q1 2025	April 2025

### What happened? What is being done?

The Water Division collected and analyzed SOCs, VOCs, Radionuclides in Quarter 2 of 2025. Results were submitted to MASSDEP via eDEP.

For more information, please contact Gary Sherman at (508) 748-3500 or 50 Benson Brook Road, Marion MA 02738.

*Please share this information with all the 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 copies by hand or mail.*

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- VOCs, also known as volatile organic compounds, are tested by collecting one sample and testing that sample for all the VOCs. VOCs are commonly used in industrial and manufacturing processes. VOCs include benzene, carbon tetrachloride, chlorobenzene, 1,2-dichlorobenzene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, 1, 2-dichloroethane, cis-dichloroethylene, trans-dichloroethylene, dichloromethane, 1,2-dichloropropane, ethylbenzene, styrene, tetrachlorethylene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, toluene, 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, 1,1-dichloroethylene, 1,1,2-trichloroethane, vinyl chloride, and xylene.
  - SOCs also known as synthetic organic compounds, are tested by collecting one sample and testing that sample for all the SOCs. SOCs are commonly used as pesticides, herbicides, and industrial chemicals. SOCs include 2,4-D, 2,4,5-TP (Silvex), alachlor, atrazine, benzo[a]pyrene, carbofuran, chlordane, dalapon, di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, dinoseb, dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD), endrin, ethylene dibromide (EDB), glyphosate, heptachlor, heptachlor epoxide, hexachlorobenzene, hexachlorocyclopentadiene, lindane, methoxychlor, oxamyl (Vydate), pentachlorophenol, picloram, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), simazine, toxaphene, and total trihalomethanes (TTHMs).