

## DRINKING WATER NOTICE

The City of Chardon PWS Has Levels of  
Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Arsenic is a naturally occurring substance found in ground water. On January 23, 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reduced the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic in public drinking water systems from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. In recent tests, the average level of arsenic in the water system operated by the City of Chardon, measured over the last three quarters, was an average of 12 ppb.

### *What should I do?*

**You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

### *What does this mean?*

**The levels detected do not pose an immediate risk to your health.** However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### *What is being done?*

The City has received bids to construct a new water treatment plant. It is expected that the water treatment plant will be producing treated water by July 31, 2008, at an estimated construction cost of 5.8 million dollars. This plant will reduce the arsenic content of the City's water, to levels well below those required by the 2006 US EPA standard.

Due to the length of construction, it is expected that this notice will be distributed every 3 months over the next 6 months.

For more information, please contact David A. Lelko, City Manager at 440-286-2600 or 111 Water Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024.

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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