

# Public Notification:

Dear Customer,

The Environmental Protection Agency requires that the Village of Suamico send you this notice to inform you of a violation of the maximum contaminant level ( MCL ) for radium in our water system. The state and federal MCL for radium in the water is set at 5pCi/L to reduce the risks associated with cancer. The Oct. 18, 2017 analyses results indicate that the Village of Suamico's well # 2 results, for the past 4 quarters, average 5.71 pCi/L . This well supplies less than 20% of the village's average water usage and typically gets blended with the other two wells in our water tower. The villages other wells meet the 5.0 pCi/L limit for radium. The Village of Suamico has taken well # 2 out of service while a decision is made on treating the well water or removing the well from service.

Based upon our current knowledge, it is assumed that any radiation exposure carries some degree of risk. The National Academy of Science has concluded that the long term exposure to elevated levels of radium in drinking water may result in an increased risk of bone cancer. However, the Environmental Protection Agency has established that the 5pCi/L limit has been set well below levels for which health effects have been observed. Your doctor is the best resource for determining how important the risk of exposure may be to your health.

The public can reduce radium levels by softening your water or using reverse osmosis.

If you have any questions you can contact us at:

Village of Suamico  
12781 Velp Ave.  
Suamico, WI 54313

Phone Number 920 – 434 – 8410

Please let any of your neighbors know about this notice if they drink our water and were not notified.