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## Department of Environmental Protection

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Dear Public Water Suppliers subject to the Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproduct Rule,

The MassDEP Drinking Water Program has updated its Tier 2 templates for the preparation of Public Notices (PN) and frequently asked questions (Fact Sheets) for when there are violations of the total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloacetic acids (HAA5) maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). The TTHM MCL is 80 ug/L and the HAA5 MCL is 60 ug/L. These updated documents were prepared in response to consumer, MADPH, and MassDEP Office of Research and Standards requests for clarification regarding use of water for bottled fed infants and to reflect the current science behind the standards.

PWSs that exceed the TTHM and/or HAA5 MCLs will be expected to work with their regional Drinking Water Program contacts to edit the relevant template to apply to situations where one or both MCLs are violated. These templates are attached and also located at: <u>https://www.mass.gov/lists/public-notification-forms-and-templates#tier-2-templates-</u> on MassDEP's website.

If you have any questions on this information, please contact the Drinking Water Program at <u>Program.director-dwp@mass.gov</u> or your regional drinking water contact listed below.

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## MassDEP Boston moved offices on November 28, 2022. Please note our new address: 100 Cambridge Street – Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114

The main Drinking Water Program number will continue to be 617-292-5770 To contact the Drinking Water Program email <u>Program.Director-DWP@mass.gov</u> For Information on public drinking water visit <u>https://www.mass.gov/topics/drinking-water</u>

> This information is available in alternate format. Contact Glynis Bugg at 617-348-4040. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370 MassDEP Website: www.mass.gov/dep

