

PUBLIC NOTICE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Town of Narragansett Water Division – Point Judith System (PWS# RI1858428)
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. The Town of Narragansett operates two water systems, North End and Point Judith. **This notice only applies to Town of Narragansett water customers within the Point Judith System (PWS# RI1858428).**

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Chlorine utilized for disinfection degrades and reacts with natural organic matter in the water to form volatile organic chemicals known as Disinfection Byproducts, including Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM). Testing results from 04/01/25 to 06/30/25, 07/01/25 to 09/30/25, and 10/01/25 to 12/31/25 show that our system exceeds the standards, or maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), for TTHM. The standard for TTHM is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/l). It is determined by averaging samples collected by our system for the past 12 months. The level of TTHM averaged at one of the Point Judith system's sample locations (U.S. Coast Guard Lighthouse, 1460 Ocean Road) for 10/01/25 to 12/31/25 was 0.0944 mg/l.

What should you do?

- **There is nothing that you need to do.** You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours accordingly.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care provider(s) about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. TTHMs are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants react with natural organic matter in the water.
- Some people who drink water containing TTHMs in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being/has been done?

- The level of TTHM averaged at the Point Judith system's other sample location (NFD South End Fire Station, 900 Point Judith Road) for 07/01/25 to 09/30/25 was 0.0715 mg/l and complies with the regulatory standard for TTHM.
- We conducted regular distribution system-wide flushing in May 2025 in the Point Judith water system to purge stagnant water and clean pipes to reduce chlorine demand. Regular flushing could not be conducted prior to September sampling due to outdoor watering bans and reduced water supply conditions.
- We completed a hydraulic modeling project for the water system 2022 that identified elevated water age due to poor circulation within the distribution system; water age is a contributing factor to TTHM formation.
- Water storage tanks were cleaned and inspected in June 2023; no significant deficiencies were found.
- Mechanical mixer was replaced in the Point Judith water tank in June 2023.
- The Point Judith tank interior was cleaned and disinfected in June 2025 following equipment modifications and associated work completed by a cellular communication company tenant.
- We continue to review operational procedures to determine if further adjustments or modifications can be implemented.
- We awarded a contract in November 2024 to construct distribution system modifications to improve water quality by increasing circulation and reducing water age. Construction is ongoing and scheduled for completion in May 2026 (revised from January 2026 due to material and equipment availability and delivery schedules).
- We conducted routine monthly maintenance flushing employing targeted flushing sequences to remove and replace old water with fresher water.
- We believe that this problem will be resolved through the above action.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact the Narragansett Water Division at 401-782-0639.

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**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 copies by hand or mail.*