

Post card sent to 2940 Sauk Village public water supply users 6/11/09:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) wishes to inform you of contamination in the Sauk Village Public Water Supply. If you receive a water bill from the Village, this applies to you.

The chemical vinyl chloride was detected in Sauk Village's treated water at a concentration of 2.1 micrograms per liter (ug/l). While the drinking water supplied by Sauk Village currently meets all U.S. EPA drinking water standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) per the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the annual average concentration of vinyl chloride, 2.1 ug/l, is at a health comparison value. Drinking water with this level of vinyl chloride could present long term health risk based on daily use over a 70-year lifetime. The risk of adverse health effects depends on the level of contaminants in the water and the length of exposure. Long-term exposure to this chemical can result in liver and kidney damage.

The Village has already taken steps and is working with Illinois EPA to ensure they are meeting drinking water standards. For more info about vinyl chloride: http://www.epa.gov/safewater/contaminants/dw_contamfs/vinylchl.html

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