

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **Cumberland County Vo-Tech Has Levels of Gross Alpha and Combined Radium Above Drinking Water Standards**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our staff, students and visitors, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on 7/1/09 (sampled 6/9/09) show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Gross Alpha and Combined Radium. The standard for Gross Alpha is 15 pCi/L. Gross Alpha was found at 37.21 pCi/L. The standard for Combined Radium is 5 pCi/L. Combined Radium was found at 12.35 pCi/L.

#### **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?**

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation and uranium. Some people who drink water containing gross alpha and uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer and kidney toxicity.

#### **What is being done?**

We are investigating treatment options and intend on installing a treatment system to remove radionuclides from our water supply in the near future. Our water system will continue to monitor for radionuclides each calendar quarter.

For more information, please contact Gene Mercoli at (856)451-9000 or 601 Bridgeton Ave, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

*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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Bottle water is available for student, staff and public use in two areas. The first is in the student registration office located by the main entrance and the second is in the general administration office located at the end of the east wing.