



# **Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The Town of Plaistow in their continuing efforts to resolve elevated levels of Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) in the municipal water supply, has received the results of the water test performed on water samples taken on February 24, 2023.

The latest data indicates that Disinfectant By-Products (DBPs) are still of concern and require continued monitoring. This is the first test result to find that water entering the Plaistow system was exceeding the MCL for HAA5s. Within our system, the level at the tank indicated an increase of 10.5 ug/L at the Sweet Hill Tank site, and an increase of 22.5 ug/L at the East Road Pump Station. When compared to prior results, the data shows that the flushing and cleaning of the system has significantly reduced the amount of HAA5 formation within the Plaistow system and that the increases are due to the higher values entering Plaistow. The majority of the water for Plaistow flows from Salem by way of the Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) system in Atkinson then to Plaistow. It takes time for this water to work its way through the many miles of piping network. We are continuing to flush and monitoring the pending water results.

The town and its partners are working diligently to address the issue and ensure that the water is safe for residents to drink. We are working with our operator to take measures necessary to continue to further reduce HAA5 formation within our system and we are coordinating with upstream systems to address the unacceptable HAA5 concentrations entering Plaistow. It's important to note that reducing the levels of DBPs in the water system can take time and may require a combination of solutions. However, by continuing to monitor and take action to address the issue, the town and its partners can work towards providing safe and clean drinking water for its residents.