



Special Districts Department Water and Sanitation Division

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

County Service Area 70J, Oak Hills has levels of Hexavalent Chromium Above the Drinking Water Standard

Pursuant to a California regulation adopted July 1, 2014, the level of a substance called hexavalent chromium should not exceed 10 ug/L in drinking water provided by a public water system. This number is known as the maximum contaminant level or MCL. Senate Bill 385, which became law effective September 4, 2015, allows public water systems, with sources that produce water with a hexavalent chromium concentration above the MCL, time to come into compliance. So long as a public water system complies with the new law (Health & Safety Code, section 116431), it will not be deemed in violation of the MCL. In addition to other requirements, the new law requires the water system to come into compliance at the earliest feasible date prior to January 1, 2020.

The County of San Bernardino, Special Districts Department, Water and Sanitation Division (Division) routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Hexavalent chromium is one of these contaminants, and as of the date of this notice, the level of hexavalent chromium in the water provided by our water system is determined to have a Running Annual Average of 19ug/L which is above the MCL of 10ug/L.

Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

The Division is currently looking into treatment methods and alternative sources. We anticipate resolving the problem in a timely matter.

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For more information, please contact Steve Samaras at 760-955-9885 or the Division, 12402 Industrial Blvd., Suite D-6, Victorville, CA 92393.

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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by The County of San Bernardino, County Service Area 70 J, Special Districts Department, Water and Sanitation.

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