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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 70, Improvement Zone W-3, Morongo Valley (CSA 70 W-3) Has
Levels of Uranium above the Drinking Water Standard**

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 you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, Special Districts Water and Sanitation Division (Division) routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The Division recently inactivated Well #1 and currently water is only being supplied from Well #2. Well #2's level of Uranium in the last three (3) years has been under the maximum contaminant level (MCL). Water supplied to customers is currently under the MCL for Uranium; however, notices are required to be sent out indicating the MCL in both wells to determine the Running Annual Average (RAA). Water sampled on February 4, 2021, showed Uranium levels of 18-25 picocuries/per liter (pCi/L). Compliance is based on the RAA of results. The 1st quarter 2021 RAA was 22 pCi/L for both wells. This is above the standard or MCL of 20 pCi/L.

What should I do?

- You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have kidney problems or 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 continues to evaluate long-term solutions to this problem and monitors for uranium on a quarterly basis every year as required by San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services. This monitoring schedule will establish a profile of the groundwater contamination and provide the most conclusive data for resolving this problem.

For more information, please contact Steve Samaras at 760-955-9885, or the Division at 222 W. Hospitality Lane, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0450.

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.

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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 San Bernardino County Public Works Department, Special Districts Water and Sanitation Division on behalf of CSA 70 W-3.

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