



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 70, Improvement Zone W-4, Pioneertown (CSA 70 W-4) Has Levels of Gross Alpha 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.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sampled on January 12, 2016 showed Gross Alpha levels of 3.3-29 picocuries/per liter (pCi/L). Compliance is based on the Running Annual Average (RAA) of results. The 1st quarter 2016 Gross Alpha RAA was 17 pCi/L. The standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) is 15 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, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters 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 Department's Water and Sanitation Division continues to evaluate long-term solutions to this problem and monitors for gross alpha on a quarterly basis every year as required by EHS. 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 Special Districts Department, Water and Sanitation, 12402 Industrial Blvd., 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.

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