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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. Water sampled on August 24, 2023, showed Uranium levels of 17-25 picocuries/per liter (pCi/L). Compliance is based on the Running Annual Average (RAA) of results. The 3rd quarter 2023 RAA was 22.13 pCi/L. This is above the standard or maximum contaminant level (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 more than 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 County of San Bernardino Environmental Health Service. 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.

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 Department of Public Works, Special Districts Water and Sanitation Division on behalf of CSA 70 W-3 Morongo Valley.

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