

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.

North Edwards Water District Has Levels of Arsenic Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system continues to be in violation of the drinking water standard for arsenic. 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. The status of Well 02 was recently changed from active to standby, which means that water from Well 02 will only be used during an emergency. Well 02 was not used during the fourth quarter of 2022. The most recent arsenic sample collected from Well 01 was taken on December 13, 2022. Based on the samples collected between the 1st quarter of 2022 and the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022, water produced from Well 01 contained an average of 33.7 µg/L (0.034 milligrams per liter (mg/L)) of arsenic. Well 01 produces water that is above the arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10.0 µg/L (0.010 mg/L). This standard, set by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, is based upon the running annual average of the most recent quarterly arsenic results.

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 arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems and may have an increased risk to 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?

We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water to find a solution for our arsenic problem which now includes purchasing treated water from Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK).

For more information, please contact Santiago, Office Manager via phone at (760) 769-4520 or via email at newd@verizon.net or the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water Office at (661) 335-7315.

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.

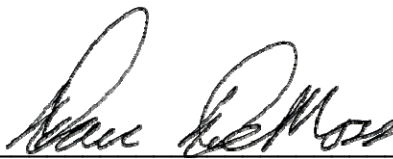
Secondary Notification Requirements

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 North Edwards Water District.

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Dan DeMoss, Operator