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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Por favor hable con alguien que lo pueda tradúcir.

# 1,2,3-Tricholoropropane Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the City of Hughson During April, May and July 2018

Our water system recently failed to monitor as required for a drinking water standard during the April, May and July 2018 and, therefore was in violation of the regulations. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the April, May and July 2018, we did not collect a 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) samples from the sources listed in the table below and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

#### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminant we did not properly test for during the compliance period
  of April, May and July 2018, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how
  many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which samples
  will be taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples will be taken
1,2,3-TCP	Monthly samples were due for Wells Nos. 3, 4, and 8	None	April, May and July 2018 for Wells Nos. 3	October, November,
			& 4.	December 2018
			April and May 2018	and January
			for Well No. 8	2019

 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?

During the monitoring of April and May, due to not properly updating sample plans, samples were not

taken. In July 2018, all samples were taken per the sample plan and sent to a third-party lab for analyzing. During testing, the lab encountered instrumentation issues which resulted in incomplete results for Well 3 and Well 4. The City was notified of this occurrence by the lab on August 3 not allowing enough time for the City to re-sample in the month in question.

1,2,3-TCP was an unnecessary impurity in certain soil fumigants that were widely used on farm fields in the area between the 1950s and 1980s, and which is now affecting groundwater sources throughout the Central Valley.

On July 18, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) voted to adopt a regulation for 1,2,3-trichloropropane with a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.005 ug/l (5 parts per trillion). The new regulation has been promulgated and systems were required to begin compliance sampling for TCP by the end of March 2018.

The City of Hughson started voluntarily testing for 1,2,3-TCP several years ago and commissioned a feasibility study of remedial options, which was completed earlier this year. The City is working toward installation of treatment facilities to remove 1,2,3-TCP from the water and expects to have the problem solved within the next three years. The City is also pursuing litigation against the manufacturers and distributors of the soil fumigants that caused the contamination in order to ensure that responsible parties, rather than the City's customers, pay the cleanup costs.

The City will be scheduling a series of information sessions later this year so that residents can learn more about 1,2,3-TCP and what it is doing to remove this contaminant from the water system.

For more information, please contact Jaime Velazquez, Utilities Superintendent, at 209-505-5194.

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 City of Hughson in compliance with California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

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