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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.

### The City of Hughson Has Levels of Arsenic Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system is currently in violation of the Federal and State of California drinking water standards. 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. Compliance with the Arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) is based on the average concentration of four consecutive quarterly samples (or an annual average) for each well unless fewer samples would cause the running annual average to be exceeded. Testing results collected over the last four quarters show that our system exceeds the Arsenic MCL of 10 micrograms per liter (mcg/L). The average arsenic concentrations from the system from the last 4 quarters are between 10.20-13.43 ug/L. Our current running annual average is 12.40 ug/L for the First quarter of 2022.

#### 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?

On January 23, 2006, the EPA revised the arsenic compliance standard to 10 ug/L down from 50 ug/L. The City of Hughson is now in non-compliance due to the standard being lowered to 10 ug/L. With this lowered standard, one (1) of the City's three (3) wells currently meets the criteria for non-compliance with the EPA. The City continues to work with the California Department of Public Health on evaluating the water supply and researching options to resolve the issue. While these options are being evaluated, we continue to adjust the operations of our water system to achieve the standard of 10 ug/L. The City currently has an arsenic treatment facility, funded by an ARRA grant (Well No. 8, Euclid Avenue), which was brought online in 2011-12. The City is currently working re-drilling an existing well (Well No. 5) and drilling a new well (Well No. 9) in the City, that will provide the municipal water system with additional arsenic treatment. This new treatment well is expected to be online in March of 2023.

- Spanish: "Estamos trabajando con [gobierno local y estatal] para evaluar el suministro de agua e investigando opciones para corregir el problema. Estas opciones pueden incluir el tratamiento de las aguas para eliminar arsénico o conexión a el abastecimiento de agua".
- Spanish: "Paramos de usar los pozo de agua contaminado. Hemos aumentado el bombeo de aguas de otros pozos, y estamos investigando la perforación de un nuevo pozo".
- Spanish: "Vamos a aumentar la frecuencia de probar el agua para arsénico".
- Spanish: "Ya hemos tomado muestras en este sitio y las han probado. Las muestras indican que se cumplen con los estándares de agua potable

This notice is being sent to you in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

For more information, please contact Jaime Velazquez 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.

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