

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Rosamond School Water System Has Levels of Arsenic 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. Based on the samples collected from 1-03-23 (1st Quarter of 2023) to 10-04-23 (4th Quarter of 2023), water produced by Well 03 contained an average 11 µg/L (0.011 milligrams per liter) of arsenic and water produced by West Well contained an average of 8.45 µg/L (0.008 milligrams per liter) of arsenic. The arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) is 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 monitoring.

Past results at West Well have been above the MCL.

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 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?

- Water fountains have been turned off throughout Rosamond High Early College Campus
- Bottled water is available in the front office of Rosamond High Early College Campus
- Students are provided water during lunch in the cafeteria
- Rosamond School is working with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, towards a long-term solution which includes physical consolidation with the neighboring Rosamond Community Services District. We anticipate resolving the problem by June 2024.

- 47 Sparkletts water dispensers were set up throughout Rosamond High Early College Campus.

For more information, please contact the Rosamond School at (661) 256-5000 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 Rosamond School Water System.

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