

## 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 Hillview Oakhurst – Sierra Lakes Water System Has Levels of Uranium Above Drinking Water Standards

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. Water produced by several of the Hillview Oakhurst – Sierra Lakes wells contains elevated levels of uranium. Water samples collected on October 10, 2017 showed a uranium level of 160 pCi/L. Compliance with the uranium maximum contaminant level (MCL) is based on a running annual average (RAA) of four quarterly samples. Testing results from the past year result in a RAA of 225 pCi/L for the highest well, which exceeds the uranium MCL of 20 pCi/L.

We started correcting the situation when we identified it in 2001. We have worked closely with the SWRCB and have received a grant which will enable us to build a new treatment facility to correct this situation. Until the treatment facility is complete, we blend the water to help minimize the uranium concentration. Over the past year, blending has enabled us to reach distribution system uranium levels between 70 pCi/L and 190 pCi/L.

#### 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 uranium in excess of 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?

We use wells with water above the MCL of uranium to provide enough water for the Oakhurst-Sierra Lakes community. We've been working since 2007 to completely correct this situation. First we drilled five new wells that produce more than 600 gallons of water per minute. We, then, installed over 17,000 feet of new pipeline to transport the good water to the treatment plant and into the Oakhurst basin. The bid to construct the new treatment facility was initially advertised on July 23, 2015, the contract has been awarded and construction is well underway. We expect the plant to be completed and operational by April 1, 2018 at which time the problem will be resolved.

For more information, please contact Hillview Compliance and Resource Officer Ralph Fairfield at 559.683.4322 or P.O. Box 2269, Oakhurst, CA 93644.

*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 Hillview Water Company, Inc.  
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# Quarterly Progress Report

Water System:	<b>Oakhurst-Sierra Lakes</b>	Water System No.:	<b>2010007</b>
Compliance Order No.:	<b>03-11-97O-002</b>	Violation:	<b>Uranium Exceedance</b>
Calendar Quarter:	<b>Fourth</b>	Date Prepared:	<b>January 3, 2018</b>

This form should be prepared and signed by Water System personnel with appropriate authority to implement the directives of the Compliance Order and the Corrective Action Plan. Please attach additional sheets as necessary. The quarterly progress report must be submitted by the 10th day of each subsequent quarter, to the Division of Drinking Water, Merced District Office.

## Summary of Compliance Plan:

To bring the Oakhurst-Sierra Lakes water system to the point of meeting the uranium standards, the Hillview Water Company has received a Proposition 84 grant totaling some \$5,000,000 to construct a water treatment plant to remove excess contaminants.

## Tasks completed in the reporting quarter:

Construction continues. Uranium treatment plant delivered and installed. Water tanks constructed. 95% of Arsenic, Iron, and Manganese treatment plant slab poured. PG&E electrical conduit installed and inspected.

## Tasks remaining to complete:

Installation of Arsenic, Iron, and Manganese plant. On site control conduit and electric lines brought in and connected. Two treatment plant metal covers, fencing, and finish work to complete plant. Staff training and start up and Waterboards permitting.

## Anticipate compliance date:

April 1, 2018

**Name** James F. Foster

**Signature**



**Title** Manager

**Date** January 3, 2018