

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 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. Water produced by several of the Hillview Oakhurst-Sierra Lakes wells contains elevated levels of arsenic. Water samples collected on June 12, 2018 showed an arsenic level of 26 µg/L. Compliance with the arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) is based on a running annual average (RAA) of four quarterly samples. Testing results from the past year result in an RAA of 16 µg/L for the highest well, which exceeds the arsenic MCL of 10 µg/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 arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and 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 was done?

The MCL for arsenic is 10 µg/L. The RAA of 16 µg/L for the highest well in our water system does not meet the State or Federal standard. We have been working closely with the State Water Resources Control Board regarding this situation. They have awarded us a grant which is providing the funds to build a treatment facility that will remove the arsenic from the water at the rate of 1200 gallons per minute. Construction of this treatment plant is underway and it is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2018 at which time the problem will be resolved.

For more information, please contact 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 Co., Inc.
State Water System ID#: 2010007 Date distributed: July 10, 2018**

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION
(Return with copy of the Notice)

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified all users of water supplied by **Hillview – Oakhurst/Sierra Lakes** of the failure to meet the **Arsenic MCL** System Number: 2010007

for the: Circle one: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th quarter of 2018 (year).

Notification was made on July 10, 2018 by

hand delivered and/or mailed and/or posted at h2oakhurst.com written notice.
(circle all completed)



Signature of Water System Representative

July 10, 2018
Date

DISCLOSURE: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attache order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

Due to the Dept. of Public Health within 10 days notification to the public
Arsenic MCL Exceedance
System Number: 2010007