

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 September 12, 2018 showed arsenic levels ranging from 4.7 µg/L to 17 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 17 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 17 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 state grant which will provide the funds to enable us to build a 1200 gallon per minute iron, manganese, and arsenic removal plant. The bid to construct the new treatment facility was initially advertised on July 23, 2015 and construction is currently underway. We expect the plant to be completed by October 31, 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: October 5, 2018**

Quarterly Progress Report

Water System:	Oakhurst-Sierra Lakes	Water System No.:	2010007
Compliance Order No.:	03-11-090-001	Violation:	Arsenic Exceedance
Calendar Quarter:	Third	Date Prepared:	October 5, 2018

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 arsenic 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:

In the current quarter, July through August, 2018, the selected contractor, Hobbs Construction, has completed all treatment system installation and will complete construction during the month of October. The testing, permitting, and inspection process has begun. We hope to have the treatment plant on line within a month.

Tasks remaining to complete:

Installation of stairs on the WRT treatment building; seal concrete; and some housekeeping items. The primary tasks remaining to complete are final inspections and certification and Waterboards' permits to operate the treatment plants.

Anticipate compliance date:

October 31, 2018

Name James F. Foster



Signature

Title Manager

Date October 5, 2018