

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 Had Levels of Arsenic Above the Drinking Water Standard And Has Corrected The Problem.

Our water system has historically 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 that the problem has been corrected.

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 March 6, 2019 showed arsenic levels ranging from 4.2 µg/L to 24 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 22 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) as the new arsenic treatment plant is operating as planned and on line.**
- 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 22 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 (SWRCB) regarding this situation. A new treatment plant was constructed, and has been operating since March 1, 2019. Even though the raw water arsenic levels at certain wells will remain above the MCL, the treatment plant removes the arsenic and the water you receive is now fully compliant, healthy water that meets all state and federal standards.

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: April 10, 2019**

Quarterly Progress Report

Water System:	Oakhurst-Sierra Lakes	Water System No.:	2010007
Compliance Order No.:	03-11-09O-001	Violation:	Arsenic Exceedance
Calendar Quarter:	First	Date Prepared:	April 10, 2019

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:

Finalized Water Treatment Plant Operations Plan. Completed Water Treatment Plant security. Completed quality testing and received approval to operate the Water Treatment Plant.

Tasks remaining to complete:

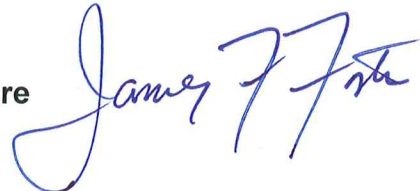
None.

Anticipate compliance date:

The project was completed on February 28, 2019 after inspection of the Water Treatment Plant. Review and approval of Water Treatment Plant Operations Plan and review and approval of Water Treatment Plant test results, on March 1, 2019 Waterboards issued approval to put the new Water Treatment Plant online.

Name James F. Foster

Signature



Title Manager

Date April 10, 2019