

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Camino Real Regional Utility Authority water system has levels of Arsenic above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as consumers of the water, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Requirements for arsenic require systems monitoring more than once per year such as ours to calculate a running annual average at each sampling point to determine compliance. If anyone sample would cause the annual average to be exceeded, then the system is out of compliance immediately. The analysis result 0.018mg/L on November 25, 2013 at Santa Teresa area Well 31 sampling event caused the annual average to be exceeded. The standard for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L (or 10 parts per million [ppm]). The results exceed the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, or have a compromised immune system you may consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. 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 could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done?

The likely source of the arsenic is from erosion of natural deposits. The CRRUA water system will be looking at ways to come back into compliance with the arsenic MCL. This could include: replacing the affected well with another well that has an arsenic level of less than the MCL, blending the high arsenic water with water that is less than the MCL to reduce the arsenic level to ≤ 0.010 ppm, taking the affected well off-line or removing enough arsenic from the water to reduce the level to ≤ 0.010 ppm by installing an approved treatment unit.

For more information, please contact Kurt Moffat at 575-589-1075 or P.O. Box 429 Sunland Park, NM 88063.

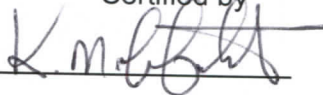
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