January 19, 2024 CRRUA Water Discoloration <u>UPDATE</u>

Affected Areas: Valencia Park, Edgemont, Casa Lindas, Santa Teresa Industrial

This is an update to the Public Notice issued on January 16 regarding the cause of water discoloration.

Water Discoloration Explanation

Water discoloration occurrences like the one experienced on 1/16/2024 are not uncommon. It happens when mineral deposits like iron and manganese are shaken up in the water piping. However, water discoloration should be only temporary. Due to ongoing reports from the affected areas, CRRUA Operational staff continued to investigate the water discoloration issue and figured out the issue.

Q: What is the cause of the discolored water?

A: We have determined the cause of the water discoloration, which was an increase in iron in water produced from the Santa Teresa Industrial arsenic treatment plant. CRRUA operators have flushed the treatment system. The water produced from the treatment plant is no longer discolored and iron concentrations have returned to normal.

CRRUA Operation staff will continue to flush hydrants in the affected areas Valencia Park, Edgemont, Casa Lindas, Santa Teresa Industrial. Please note the flushing of hydrants may cause low water pressure momentarily.

Q: Is the water safe to drink?

A: Yes, the water remains safe for consumption. Discoloration affects the appearance but does not affect the water's safety.

We have taken bacterial samples in the affected area and have had a NM State Certified Lab test the results. Results came back negative for bacterial detection. Please see pdf copy of results.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any concerns or need further assistance, please contact us at 575-589-1075.

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