



**News Release**

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- **Arsenic Treatment Facility Passes Second Follow-up Test.**
- **All Four CRRUA Arsenic Treatment Facilities Remain NMED Compliant Following NMED’s Most Recent Quarterly Compliance Test.**

The Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA) completed the second of two voluntary follow-up tests at an arsenic treatment facility (ATF) that slightly exceeded the federal Maximum Contaminate Level (MCL) for arsenic in CRRUA’s voluntary monthly test for April 2025.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) MCL for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb). The second follow-up test results for the Santa Teresa Industrial ATF were 8 ppb, which is below the 12 ppb in the first follow-up test and the 12 ppb in the CRRUA voluntary monthly test for April 2025. Results are from Eurofins Environment Testing; an independent water lab certified by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) from samples taken on May 14, 2025. The first follow-up test was conducted on May 6, 2025.

CRRUA voluntarily conducted the two follow-up tests at the Santa Teresa Industrial ATF as a self-governance measure and to assure customers that water at the facility meets government regulatory standards.

**CRRUA Voluntary Arsenic Test Results**

**Santa Teresa Industrial Arsenic Treatment Facility**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Maximum Contaminate Level (MCL) is 10 parts per billion (ppb). (Test are for internal monitoring purposes and not for NMED compliance).

April 2025 Monthly	1 <sup>st</sup> Follow-up May 6, 2025	2nd Follow-up May 14, 2025
12 ppb	12 ppb	8 ppb

Also, the New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) second quarter test for 2025 (April – June) show that all four Arsenic Treatment Facilities (ATFs) operated by CRRUA remain NMED compliant based on the department’s Running Annual Average (RAA.) CRRUA became NMED compliant in January 2025 following NMED’s first quarter 2025 arsenic tests.

“This is the second straight NMED quarterly compliance test period in which all four CRRUA ATFs passed based on the RAA,” said CRRUA Executive Director Juan Crosby.

“Although the New Mexico Environment Department’s (NMED) recent quarterly sample reported an arsenic level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) at the Santa Teresa Industrial ATF, which exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10 ppb, it is important to clarify that federal and state regulations determine compliance based on the Running Annual Average (RAA) of arsenic levels, not on a single sample result,” Crosby said.

“CRRUA remains in compliance with arsenic standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act, and our Arsenic Treatment Facilities continue to operate as intended. We are committed to maintaining full transparency by sharing results from both regulatory samples and voluntary testing. Our priority is to ensure the delivery of safe, high-quality drinking water to our community,” Crosby added.

Results of NMED's second quarter 2025 arsenic tests from water samples taken May 7, 2025, confirm that based on the RAA, the Border Entry ATF (RAA 3.8 ppb) Santa Teresa Industrial ATF (RAA 8.3 ppb,) Santa Teresa Community ATF (RAA 5.5 ppb,) and Sunland Park ATF (RAA 6.3 ppb) ATF are NMED compliant.

The chart below shows the overall trend from January 2024, when Juan Crosby became interim executive director, thru May 7, 2025.

