

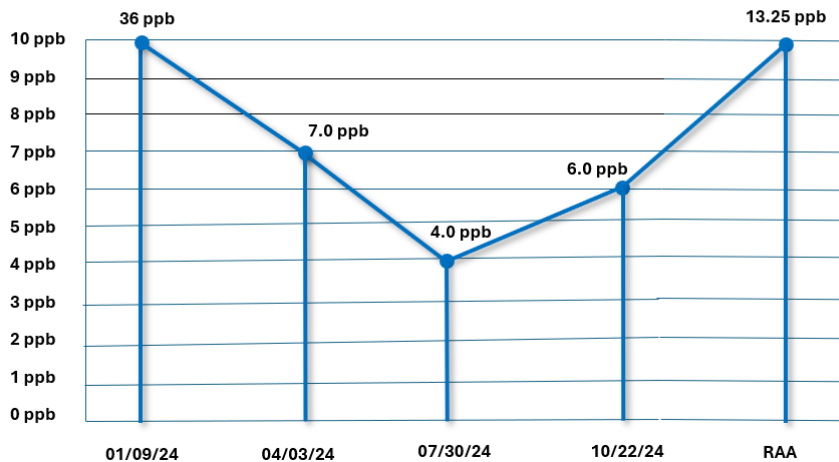
**Notice of Violation Clarified: NMED 4th Qtr. Arsenic Test Results
(Three Arsenic Treatment Facilities Achieve NMED Compliance)**

Customers of the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA) will receive by mail a Notice of Violation (NOV) letter from CRRUA regarding New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) arsenic test results for the 4th quarter of 2024 (Oct.-Dec.) Results showed that the Santa Teresa Industrial Arsenic Treatment Facility (STIP) exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) arsenic maximum contaminate level (MCL) of 10 parts per billion (ppb). **The STIP was in fact below the EPA’s MCL at 6.0 ppb according to NMED’s 4th quarter arsenic test results from samples taken Oct. 22, 2024.**

However, according to NMED guidelines, test results are based on a running annual average (RAA). The RAA is determined by averaging the previous four (4) quarterly samples. At the end of each quarter, compliance is based on the RAA of quarterly samples. If the RAA is at or below the MCL of 10 ppb the system is in compliance.

The STIP exceeded the MCL in the 1st quarter of 2024 but passed the following three quarters. The resulting RAA for the STIP is 13.25 ppb. CRRUA anticipates STIP will achieve compliance following NMED’s 2025 1st quarter tests.

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPTMENT
RUNNING ANNUAL AVERAGE (RAA)
SANTA TERESA INDUSTRIAL ARSENIC TREATMENT FACILITY
MAXIMUM CONTAMINATE LEVEL IS 10 PARTS PER BILLION (ppb)



Because the STIP is not yet compliant, NMED issued a NOV that pertains strictly to compliance and not water quality. CRRUA water continues to be below the MCL of 10 ppb and is safe to consume.

CRRUA’s other three ATFs achieved NMED compliance following 4th quarter 2024 tests:

- [Santa Teresa Community \(RAA 6.75 ppb\)](#)
- [Border Entry \(RAA 6.0\)](#)
- [Sunland Park \(RAA 9.25\)](#)

CRRUA provides water and wastewater services to Sunland Park and Santa Teresa, NM.