

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 Keeler CSD Water System Has Levels of Arsenic and Manganese Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system has violated the California State drinking water standards. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. A water sample taken on 11/21/2023 at Well 01 showed an arsenic level of 0.079 mg/L (milligrams per liter). The running annual average for the fourth quarter of 2023 was at 0.085 mg/L. This is above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.010 mg/L.

That same water sample taken on 11/21/2023 showed a manganese level of 0.091 mg/L with a running annual average of 0.093 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2023. This is above the secondary maximum contaminant level of 0.05 mg/L. Manganese at very high levels can pose a neurotoxic risk. Your water is below the US EPA lifetime health advisory (HA) level of 0.3 mg/L for manganese.

There are no current results from POU devices.

What should I do?

- **Use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water); do NOT use the water from your POU unit for consumption until it is tested and sample results show that the arsenic concentration is below 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) or 10 micrograms per liter (µg/L).**
- 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 to getting cancer.*
- With manganese over the secondary MCL, some people may notice water discoloration, and possibly taste and/or odor issues with their drinking water. This is not considered a health concern.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.
- Bottled water is available (60 gallons per household per month). Dates of distribution are advertised at the Keeler Post Office.

What happened? What is being done?

The arsenic and manganese results are greater than the MCL. We will continue to monitor for these chemicals on a quarterly basis at the well site. Do NOT use your POU unit until it is sampled and the

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test results show that the water being provided meets drinking water standards. Do not consume untreated KCSD water from the well.

On March 13, 2023 the Provost & Pritchard Administrator Team assumed administration of the Keeler CSD. The Administrator Team will be developing a long-term solution for the Keeler community. The Administrator Team has also prepared a Community Accountability and Engagement Plan and holds quarterly public meetings during the time we are serving you as the Administrator.

Please share this information with all the other people who may drink the 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 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.

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