

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.

William Fisher Memorial Water Company Has Levels of Arsenic Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system has violated a drinking water standard. 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. Based on the resulting samples from September 2008 through September 2009, the drinking water produced by the well in your water system contained an average of 16 µg/L of arsenic. This is above the USEPA standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.010 mg/L or 10 µg/L for arsenic.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- 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 of cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

Rosamond CSD (RCSD) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) have worked together to drill and equip the new well at William Fisher Memorial Water Company. This well has been in service since February 2008 but based on water quality analysis; this well has shown arsenic above 10 µg/L and does not meet the arsenic standard. Rather than installing arsenic removal equipment on the well, an application has been submitted to the CDPH for funding to construct a new pipeline and supply water from existing RCSD facilities to the William Fisher Memorial Water Company. The new pipeline would bring water below the arsenic MCL of 10 µg/L. More information will be provided as the project moves forward.

For more information, please contact Dennis LaMoreaux, Assistant General Manager & District Engineer, Rosamond CSD at (661) 256-3411 or the California Department of Public Health at (661) 335-7315. This notification of all water users is being performed in compliance with law and regulations of the California Department of Public Health to keep you, the affected public, fully informed.

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Signed: 

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