Del Oro Water Company, River Island District, Territory No. 1
has Levels of Uranium Above Drinking Water Standards

Del Oro Water Company routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Our water system recently failed 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.

The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Uranium is 20 pCi/L. Compliance for uranium is based on a running annual average (RAA) of four consecutive quarterly samples for each well. Test results received on November 18, 2018 for the 4th quarter of 2018 for Uranium showed the current RAA for Well No. 2 as 50.58 pCi/L and for Well No. 5 as 33 pCi/L. As Del Oro’s customer you are being reminded that Uranium in your drinking water is out of compliance.

What should I do?

- You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have kidney problems or an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What steps are being taken to reduce or eliminate the Nitrate and Uranium problem?

Del Oro is addressing the groundwater contamination issue by the proposed installation of a Surface Water Treatment Facility that will utilize surface water from the Tule River conveyed through the Pleasant Valley Canal. Del Oro is working with both the California Public Utilities Commission and the State Water Resources Control Board – Drinking Water Division in pursuing this proposed project. It is anticipated that the construction of the new water treatment plant will commence in 2019 and continue through 2020.

Quarterly testing and notification to the customer has been implemented. Consumers wishing more information should contact Del Oro Water Company Call Center at 530-717-2514.

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 the 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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