

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Por favor hable con alguien que lo pueda traducir.

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

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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.

**Del Oro Water Company** routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on November 21, 2016 for uranium showed the following levels. Well No. 2; 23.31 pCi/L and Well No. 5; 15.95 pCi/L. The maximum contaminant level (MCL) or standard 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. Based on sampling results for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2016, the current uranium RAA ending with the 4th quarter of 2016 for Well No. 2 is 29.46 pCi/L and Well No. 5 is 24.62 pCi/L.

#### 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?

Pleasant Valley Canal Surface Water Treatment Plant – Several of the groundwater wells within the River Island Territory 1 and 2 service areas have either elevated or levels of nitrate and radiological contaminants that exceed drinking water standards, as defined under the Division of Drinking Water's drinking water standards.

Del Oro Water Company 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. The surface water treatment facility will include: a canal diversion structure; raw water conveyance mainlines; chemical treatment systems; storage tank and booster systems; and a modular, package-type, contact adsorption clarification-filtration plant. A treated water mainline will also be constructed to convey water to both Territory 1 and 2 water distribution systems.

The plans and specifications for the water treatment plant are presently being completed. Regulatory review by both the California Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Drinking Water will follow with an anticipated review and approval period of 6 months to 1 year. Accordingly, it is anticipated construction of the new water treatment plant will commence and continue through the 2017 and 2018 calendar years.

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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