



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.

DRINKING WATER WARNING

DEL ORO WATER COMPANY RIVER ISLAND DISTRICT ~ Territory 1

Our water system recently had a monitoring and reporting violation. Del Oro Water is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets water quality standards. During the third (3rd) quarter of 2016, we did not conduct sampling at Well No. 2 for Nitrate as N and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. Sampling was conducted on October 4, 2016 and sent to the laboratory for analysis. Nitrate (as N) results were 6.43 mg/L. ***This result is below the nitrate (as N) drinking water standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 10 milligrams per liter.*** Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

What should I do IF the Nitrate (as N) concentrations were ABOVE 10 milligrams per liter?

- **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL may quickly become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die because high nitrate levels can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.*
- **PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT CONSUME THE WATER.** *High nitrate levels may also affect the oxygen-carrying ability of the blood of pregnant women.*
- Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened and is being done to prevent this from happening again?

While taking routine sample at more than ten (10) well locations, the field technician accidentally left Well No. 2 off of his required testing list. Del Oro Water Co., advised field technician in the future to always verify required testing before submitting to the lab.

What you should do:

There is nothing you need to do at this time. When the error was identified, Del Oro Water immediately took samples.



What steps are being taken to reduce or eliminate the Nitrate 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 were completed in 2014. Regulatory review by both the California Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Drinking Water will follow with anticipated approval. Accordingly, it is anticipated construction of the new water treatment plant will commence and continue through the 2017 and 2018 calendar years.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses).

This notice is being sent to you by Del Oro Water Co., River Island District, T 1

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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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