



KETTLEMAN CITY
COMMUNITY SERVICES
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Kettleman City Community Services District (KCCSD) Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system 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.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The arsenic standard or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) is 10 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$). A drinking water system is in compliance with the arsenic MCL if the running annual average (RAA) of 4 consecutive quarters of sampling is below the MCL. Testing results from Well 2A (Maud Street) and Well 3 (Becky Pease Street) collected over the last year show that our system exceeds the arsenic MCL of 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$. The running annual average (Most Recent Four Quarterly Samples) arsenic concentration from these wells ranged from 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$ and 17.5 $\mu\text{g/L}$ during the 2nd Quarter 2019.

What should I do?

- **Bottled water is being provided to customers through special funding from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) even though short term exposure is not considered to represent a health risk.** If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this 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 getting cancer.*

What happened? What was done?

The KCCSD is working with Kings County, SWRCB and USDA on a permanent solution to meet drinking water standards. The KCCSD is constructing a Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) to treat water from the California Aqueduct. PG&E completed the power service to the site. Assume the SWTP completion is end of August 2019, begin electrical testing in June 2019, acceptance testing in July 2019 and treated water by begin of August 2019. Bottled water will continue to be provided to the KCCSD residents until the SWTP is completed.

***NOTE:** The Kettleman City Elementary School (School) is a separate public water system served by a groundwater well that also exceeds the arsenic MCL. The SWRCB has provided funding to provide bottled water and certified water filters in the School kitchen and all outdoor drinking water fountains. Routine monitoring of the water filters is conducted to ensure the certified water filters are working properly.

For more information, please contact Rosa Maldonado, KCCSD, at (559) 386-5866 or at the following mailing address: KCCSD, P.O. Box 179, Kettleman City, CA 93239-0179, or Chad Fischer, SWRCB, Visalia District Engineer at (559) 447-3300.

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). You can do this by posting this 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 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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INFORMACION IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA POTABLE

Kettleman City CSD Tiene Niveles de Arsénico sobre los Reglamentos de Agua Potable.

Nuestro Sistema de agua violo un estándar para agua potable. Aunque esto no es una emergencia, como clientes nuestros, tienen el derecho de saber que debería hacer, lo que paso, y que estamos hacienda para corregir esta situación.

Rutinariamente hacemos monitoreo para detectar la presencia de contaminantes en el agua potable. El estándar o MCL (nivel máximo de contaminantes) para arsénico es de **10 microgramos por litro (ug/L)**. Para que un Sistema de agua potable cumpla con el estándar o MCL para arsénico, el Por ciento Anual del Rotario (RAA) de 4 pruebas consecutivas trimestrales debe estar debajo del estándar o MCL. Resultados de las muestras del pozo 2 (Maud Street) y pozo 3 (Becky Pease Street) recogidos en el ultimo año muestran que nuestro sistema supera el MCL de arsénico de **10 ug/L**. El promedio anual (cuatro muestras trimestrales mas recientes) concentración de arsénico de estos pozos oscilan entre **10 ug/L** y **17.5 ug/L** durante el segundo trimestre del año 2019.

¿Qué debo hacer yo?

Agua embotellada se está proporcionando a los clientes usando fondos especiales de la State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Aunque no se considera que el estar expuesto al arsénico a corto plazo representa un riesgo a la salud Si su sistema inmunológico está seriamente debilitado, tiene un niño pequeño, está embarazada, o es de edad avanzada, puede estar en mayor riesgo y debería consultar a su proveedor medico sobre beber esta agua.

Esto no es una emergencia. Si esto hubiera sido una emergencia, se le hubiera notificado de inmediato. No obstante, algunas personas que beban agua que contiene arsénico arriba del nivel máximo de contaminantes (MCL) a lo largo de muchos años, pueden experimentar danos a la piel o problemas del sistema circulatorio, y pueden tener un riesgo mayor de tener cáncer.

¿Qué sucedió? ¿Qué se está haciendo al respecto?

KCCSD esta trabajando con Kings County, SWRCB y USDA en una solución permanente para cumplir con los estándares de agua potable. KCCSD esta construyendo una planta de tratamiento de aguas superficiales (SWTP) para tratar el agua del acueducto de California. PG&E completo el servicio de energía en el sitio del agua superficial (SWTP). Supongamos que la finalización del agua superficial (SWTP) finaliza a finales de Agosto del 2019, las pruebas eléctricas en Junio del 2019 y el agua tratada a partir de Agosto del 2019. El agua embotellada continuara siendo proporcionada a los residentes de KCCSD hasta que se complete la planta de agua superficial.

NOTA: La escuela primaria de Kettleman City (Escuela) tiene un Sistema de agua público separado por agua subterránea que también excede el arsénico MCL. SWRCB ha proporcionado financiamiento para agua embotellada y filtros de agua certificada en la cocina de la escuela y todas fuentes de agua potable al aire libre. Supervisión rutinaria de los filtros de agua se lleva acabo para asegurar el funcionamiento de los filtros de agua certificada.

Para más información, por favor comunícense con la Gerente de Oficina Rosa M. Maldonado al número (559) 386-5866 o a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 179, Kettleman City, CA 93239-0179, o puede contactar a Chad Fisher, Ingeniera del Distrito de Visalia, de la SWRCB, al (559) 447-3300.