

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The City of Coalinga has levels of Disinfection Byproducts Above Drinking Water Standards

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.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on January 9, 2015 show that four sample sites exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes and/or Haloacetic Acids (Five). The MCL standards for Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids (Five) are 80 ug/L and 60 ug/L, respectively. The average level of Total Trihalomethanes over the last year at the four sample sites was 124.5, 130, 123, and 121.3. The average level Haloacetic Acids (Five) over the last year at the four sample sites was 39.3, 37.5, 39.5, and 39.3.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply.**
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who use water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems, and may have 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 happened? What was done?

Drinking water standards have increased and the City of Coalinga has experienced difficulty meeting this standard due to poor water quality issues attributed to the drought. This poor water quality has affected the treatment process and resulted in exceedance of disinfection byproducts MCL. The City of Coalinga is working with engineers and the California Department of Health to reduce the presence of disinfection byproduct levels in the treated water. New treatment processes are being implemented and evaluated to reduce these contaminant levels.

We anticipate resolving the problem within two months. However, trihalomethane levels are reported on an annual average and the treated water may still be considered above maximum contaminant levels until a sufficient reduction and time has passed.

For more information, please contact Matt Farrell at (559) 935-2981 or at the following mailing address: City of Coalinga c/o Water Treatment Plant, 155 W. Durian Avenue, Coalinga, CA 93210.

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 Notifications 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 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.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Coalinga Water System.