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.

South Kern Mutual Water Company Has Levels of Uranium Above the Drinking Water Standard 1,2,3-Trichloropropane Found in Past Sampling

Our water system is in violation of 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. Water sample results from samples collected on 4/15/2024 showed uranium levels of 24 pCi/L. This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 30 pCi/L.

Additionally, the system has detected 1,2,3-trichloropropane in the water above the MCL in past sampling but failed to notify you. 1,2,3-trichloropropane was detected in sampling between 2018 and 2021 with the highest detected level in March 2020 at 0.57 micrograms per liter (ug/L). The standard or MCL is 0.005 ug/L. Monitoring since September 2021, including a test on 5/13/2022, showed that 1,2,3-trichlorpropane was not detected in the water supply.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- This is not an immediate risk or emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.
- *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*.
- *Some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-TCP in excess of the MCL over many years 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 is being done?

On February 2, 2024, the Provost & Pritchard Administrator Team assumed administration of the South Kern Mutual Water Company. The Administrator Team will be developing a long-term solution for the South Kern community. The Administrator Team has also prepared a Community Accountability and Engagement Plan and is holding quarterly public meetings during the time we are serving you as the Administrator.

For more information, please contact Golden State Water Company (part of the administrator team) at 1-800-999-4033.

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 public 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.

This notice is being sent to you by South Kern Mutual Water Company

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