

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.

City of Needles Has Levels of Iron and Manganese Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated 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 received on 3/16/2021 for well #8 showed manganese levels of 0.22 mg/l and for well #12 Manganese levels of 0.55 mg/l, water sample results received on 3/16/2021 showed iron levels of 0.34 mg/l for well #8 only. This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 0.050 milligrams per liter for manganese and 0.30 milligrams per liter for iron. Well #8 is off line and has been for a number of years. The well is only run for sampling purposes to waste. Well #12 is solely used to irrigate the golf course. **What should I do?**

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing manganese in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with memory, attention and motor skills.*
- Iron in excess of the MCL does not pose any adverse health effects but is considered a secondary contaminant that can affect the taste, odor, or smell of potable water.
- 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?

Upon receiving routine monitoring data it was discovered that well #8 was over the mcl for iron and manganese. Well #12 was over the mcl requirement for manganese. Due to the mcl being exceeded quarterly sampling was initiated to assess what actions need to be taken. Upon completion of the quarterly sampling, the City and State will reevaluate and initiate a plan to correct any deficiencies. The State Water Boards have issued a compliance date of 12/31/2023. The City anticipates resolving the problem before such date.

For more information, please contact Bryan Hickstein at (760)326-5700 or 817 Third St. Needles, CA

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.

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