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

Raymus Village water has high levels of Nitrate

DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD OR PREGNANT WOMEN OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

Water is currently being supplied to Raymus Village by Well #2 and meets standards for Nitrate. The most recent water sample results on 09/12/2023 from Well #1 show a Nitrate level of 9.12 mg/L. This notice is for Well #1.

Water sample results received from 9/21/2022 – 02/14/2023 from Well #1 showed an average nitrate level of 10.21 mg/L. This is above the nitrate 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. Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems, storm water run-off, and fertilizers). Although the nitrate levels during the most recent monitoring period showed results below the MCL, nitrate levels in the water tend to fluctuate and it is possible that the nitrate level may increase at any time between sampling events. Public notification will continue until the nitrate problem is resolved."

What happened? What is being done?

Well #1 is to remain offline and is currently under Compliance Oder No. 01-10-23R-003 with a compliance date of 02/28/2025. The Raymus Village water system, along with San Joaquin County, is presently working with neighboring water systems for a connection as an additional source of potable water to supplement Well #2. Well #2 continues to supply water to the Ramus Village with water with Nitrate levels below the MCL of 10 mg/L.

The water currently being supplied to the Raymus Village water system meets standards for Nitrate.

The following information is required to be included with this notification.

What should I do?

- 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 <u>under six months of age</u> 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.

For more information go to <u>https://sjgov.org/department/pwk/special-districts-home/maint-districts/raymus-village-md</u>, or contact:

Water Utility contact: Ben Guzman, Utility Superintendent, 209-468-3090 Division of Drinking Water – Stockton Office at: 209-948-7696

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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