



## 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.

此份有你的食水重要的讯息，  
请找他人为你翻译及解释清楚。

### The City of Davis Has Levels of Hexavalent Chromium Above the State of California's New Drinking Water Standard

The City of Davis' 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.

The City of Davis routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants.

On July 1, 2014, the State Water Board (Division of Drinking Water) adopted a new standard for hexavalent chromium. The standard includes a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Hexavalent Chromium of 10 parts per billion (ppb) calculated as a Running Annual Average (RAA). The City of Davis conducted required quarterly sampling on November 11, 2014; February 10, 2015; and May 5, 2015. Ten of 19 water supply wells have averages of hexavalent chromium ranging from 11 - 28 ppb. These values exceed the California MCL of 10 ppb.

The hexavalent chromium level in our groundwater supply currently meets the standard set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency MCL for total chromium (100 ppb), which includes hexavalent chromium.

Hexavalent chromium occurs naturally in groundwater supply systems. It is an odorless and tasteless metallic element. Chromium is found naturally in rocks, plants, soil and volcanic dust, humans and animals.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- There is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium 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?

**Planned Corrective Action:** Hexavalent chromium is naturally occurring in groundwater supply systems. The Davis-Woodland Water Supply Project, currently under construction, is scheduled to begin delivering surface water in mid-2016 as an additional potable water source for the City. Hexavalent chromium levels present in Sacramento River water are far below the new MCL. New transmission mains will be constructed throughout the City to deliver a blend of surface water and groundwater from wells that currently meet the new MCL. It is anticipated that these projects will bring the City's water supply in compliance with the new MCL by January 1, 2017. Until that time, the City will operate wells that exceed the new MCL only as required to meet water system demand and will continue to test levels as required.

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For additional information, please visit the City of Davis website:

<http://water.cityofdavis.org/water-quality-information/hexavalent-chromium/hexavalent-chromium-cr6-update>

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink from the city of Davis groundwater supply, 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:** 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): Property owners and/or managers, must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Property owners and/or managers, must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

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