IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

(The following two sentences are in Spanish relaying information on the importance of this notice. Translated to English it would read as follows. [This notice contains important information regarding your drinking water, please read the Spanish notice if it is included. If the Spanish notice is not included, please contact the water system and ask for a copy.])

Este aviso contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable, por favor lea el aviso en español si va aquí incluido. Si el aviso en español no va incluido aquí, contacte al sistema de agua para pedir una copia.

The Kern County Water Agency has levels of Haloacetic Acids 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, September 11,2026 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum level (MCL), for Haloacetic Acids. The MCL standards for Haloacetic Acids are 60 ug/L. The average level of Haloacetic Acids over the last year was, 60.8 ug/L.

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 drink water containing Haloacetic Acids 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 was done?

We believe that since it was only our Oswell Tank that has the high average we will try to increase our tank cycle schedule to reduce the residency time in the tank in order to help prevent the formation of Haloacetic Acids. We will continue to monitor our TOC removal to ensure we are meeting our 35% removal as well as using enhanced coagulation to ensure treatment is optimized. We have also revised our disinfection strategy to minimize pre-filtration chlorine dosage on a routine basis. We now target a filter effluent residual of 0.50mg/L while the remaining chlorine required to achieve the target plant effluent residual is added post-filtration in the combined filter box. Because the elevated Haloacetic Acid measurements that increased the running annual average occurred prior to implementation of this revised strategy, we anticipate that the change

will contribute to a lower running annual average as future compliance calculations incorporate data collected under the new operating approach.

We anticipate resolving the problem by the next quarterly sampling in order to bring the average below the MCL(60 ug/L).

For more information, please contact; The Kern Couty Water Agency at, (661)634-1510] or at the following mailing address: gornelas@kcwa.com.

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 Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [per 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 the, Kern Couty Water Agency water system.

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