

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Por favor hable con alguien que lo pueda traducir.

East Niles Community Services District water system Has levels of 1,2,3-TCP 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. The standard for 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) is equivalent to 0.005 ug/L (micrograms per liter). Testing results from May 2021 to November 2022 show that a well in our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP). The average level of 1,2,3-TCP since May of 2021 was 0.007 ug/L at one well. All other wells tested showed no detection of 1,2,3-TCP. The total average for all groundwater sources was below the 0.005 ug/L MCL.

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 1, 2,3-trichloropropane 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?

1,2,3-TCP was an unnecessary impurity in soil fumigants applied in the southern area of the District from the 1950s-1980s. The 1,2,3-TCP has now contaminated our groundwater supply. East Niles Community Services District began voluntarily monitoring for 1,2,3-TCP several years ago, and completed an engineering study of treatment options in 2017. The District has pursued damages in litigation against the fumigant manufacturers whose products are responsible for the contamination in order to fund the treatment. The District has awarded a contract to construct treatment facilities to remove 1,2,3-TCP from the water. In the meantime, the District will be minimizing the use of the affected well during the construction of the treatment facility. There has been a delay in constructing the treatment facility due to COVID-19 related impacts for delivery of some materials. We anticipate resolving the problem by early 2023.

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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 East Niles Community Services District in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

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