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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 Banning Has Levels of Chromium-6 Above the Drinking Water Standard

The State Water Resources Control Board on April 15, 2014, announced a new Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10 parts per billion (ppb) for chromium-6, a mineral that occurs naturally in the Banning Pass groundwater at levels above the new MCL. This MCL is one fifth the current total chromium standard in California of 50 ppb, which includes both trivalent chromium (chromium-3) and chromium-6. The federal MCL for total chromium is 100 ppb.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results received on March 30, 2015 showed Chromium-6 levels of 23 ppb (parts per billion) at one City owned well. This is above the new standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 10 ppb for the State of California. California is the first and only state in the nation to establish a maximum contaminant level specifically for chromium-6 in drinking water.

Our water system recently violated the new drinking water standard for Chromium-6. 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.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing chromium-6 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

- Tap water can still be used for drinking, cooking, and all other needs. Chromium-6 is found in the groundwater as a naturally-occurring mineral and is being regulated for potential health impacts.
- 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?

Currently as part of its compliance plan, City of Banning is conducting a compliance study that will determine treatment systems using the best available economical technology. We anticipate resolving the problem within 2-3 years.

For more information regarding Chromium-6 is available on the City's Web Site at <http://www.ci.banning.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/3291> or please contact Perry Gerdes, Water/Wastewater Superintendent at (951) 922-3260 or P.O. Box 998, Banning, CA 92220.

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 the City of Banning Water Department.

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