

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
OAK CREEK WATER DISTRICT PWS #13041
Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system Oak Creek Water District recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor of the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on October 11, 2021 (10.0, 10.2 and 10.4) show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb). The average level of arsenic over the last year has been 10.5 ppb.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with circulatory system, and many have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

Drawings for the new Arsenic Treatment system have been approved by ADEQ and are now waiting final approval from USDA. We anticipate construction for this new treatment system to start this coming Spring.

For more information, please contact Doug Bowen, Board of Directors or Brian Bratcher, Operator at 928-282-3404.

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.

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