

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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.

Heritage Ranch Community Services District 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 for the fourth quarter of 2020 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for haloacetic acids, a disinfection process byproduct. The MCL standard for haloacetic acids is 60 ug/L and is based on a locational running annual average (LRAA) for each sample site. The LRAA of haloacetic acids is 68 ug/L at the Black Horse Lane sample site and 74 at the Wood Duck Lane sample site.

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?

As previously mentioned, this is not an immediate health risk. Organic levels in Nacimiento Reservoir and Nacimiento River have substantially increased over time, possibly in part due to effects from the Chimney Fire, resulting in higher levels of haloacetic acids created from the treatment process.

We are actively pursuing all available options to lower the organics and the haloacetic acid MCL's within the system and anticipate resolving the problem within the calendar year. Staff continues to adjust the water treatment and distribution system processes and are currently working closely with the Division of Drinking Water to fine tune those processes while maintaining compliance with many other parameters. We have also installed an improved water mixing system inside the 2-million-gallon water storage tank, continue a robust waterline flushing program, and construction of a raw water vertical intake facility is also underway.

For more information, please contact the office at 805-227-6230, or via email at contact.us@heritageranchcsd.ca.gov, or by mail at 4870 Heritage Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

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 [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 Heritage Ranch Community Services District water system.