

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Lordsburg Water Supply System Failed to Correct Significant Deficiencies Within Required Time Frame

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

A routine inspection conducted on August 3, 2023 by the New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED DWB) found the following significant deficiencies with our water system.

1. **No professional inspections of water storage tanks within the last 10 years**
2. **Poor housekeeping at multiple water system facilities including improper chemical storage**
3. **Inadequate site security at major water system facilities**
4. **Well head not secured from the elements or intrusion**
5. **Inoperative water level indicator on storage tank**

As required by Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Ground Water Rule, we were required to take action to correct these deficiencies. However, we failed to take this action by the deadline established by the NMED-DWB.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

Back on August 3, 2023, the city of Lordsburg had a sanitary survey done by the NMED on the city drinking water system the drinking water bureau found 5 deficiencies that needed to be completed by the deadline established by the NMED the city of Lordsburg failed to meet the time frame establish the NMED.

Since this violation has accrued the city of Lordsburg has been working on repairing and cleaning of the facilities and wellhead and is looking into getting the water storage tanks inspected and repaired before the next year.

For more information, please contact:

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