

## What is an exceedance ?

An exceedance is when the monitoring level(s) are above Federal Drinking Water Quality Standards for that contaminate. When a water system has an exceedance the system will issue a public notice (PN) explaining what the health risks are and how to reduce these risks.

*(See page 3 of this PDF to view PN)*

Following is list of Corrective Action statuses to help explain what ADEQ and/or water system are doing to resolve the issue.

<b>Corrective Action Status</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>ADEQ Providing Compliance/Technical Assistance</b>	ADEQ is assisting facility with the legal and/or technical requirements in order to be in compliance with state and federal regulations.
<b>ADEQ/Facility Collecting Additional Samples</b>	ADEQ or Facility are collecting additional samples to determine if the exceedance is a recurring event or a single event.
<b>Facility Notified of Potential Deficiencies</b>	ADEQ has informed facility that they have an exceedance of a permit limit or surface water standard (i.e. myDEQ Report and/or Phone call/email)
<b>Facility Notified of Alleged Violations</b>	Facility has received a Notice of Violation or Notice of Opportunity to Correct Deficiencies from ADEQ or delegated authority for exceeding a permit limit or surface water standard.
<b>ADEQ/Facility Agree Upon Path Forward</b>	ADEQ and Facility have entered into a formal agreement which puts them on a path to return to compliance (i.e. Consent Order or Consent Judgment)
<b>Facility Improvement in Process</b>	A structural, treatment, and/or operational improvement is currently being implemented at facility.
<b>Compliance/Technical Assistance Was Unsuccessful</b>	Elevating the issue to ADEQ Leadership and the Water System, to seek additional Compliance/ Technical Assistance with the goal help the water system return-to-compliance with state and federal regulations.



# Drinking Water | Federal Water Standards Exceedance Report

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## Facility: Douglas Border Patrol Station

County	PWS #	Name	Contaminant	Source	Status
COCHISE	AZ0402123	DOUGLAS BORDER PATROL STATION	NITRATE	Exceeds Rule Limit	Facility Improvement In Process

## DRINKING WATER WARNING

Douglas Station water has high levels of nitrate –

### DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA

Water sample results collected 2/8/2018 and 5/9/2018 showed nitrate levels of 14 mg/L and 15 mg/L, respectively. This is above the nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 10 mg/L. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year.

#### What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.* Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.
- Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated, because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.
- Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water (nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can). However, if you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What is being done?

Proposals for adding a water treatment for nitrates. We anticipate resolving this issue within six months.

For more information, please contact Jay Pullis at 520-437-6864.

*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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