

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Maricopa Mountain DWID, ID# 11-087 (located on Hwy 347, serving fill-site 1A on Amarillo Valley Road and the Hacienda Acres Community) has high levels of **Nitrate**. Although we did not take an additional sample to confirm the water has high levels of **Nitrate**, we are sure of the accuracy of the exceedance of **Nitrates** in the water.

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

Water sample results taken in April 2023 showed nitrate levels of 12.2 mg/l. 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?

We are monitoring the water quality of this well closely and issuing public notices. We are in the process of replacing the current source of water. The new source has been drilled and tested and does not contain nitrates that exceed the MCL. We expect the new source to be in operation within the next nine months. **Until the problem is resolved, we are offering thirty (30) gallons of drinking water, per month, to our active customers, at no charge.** Contact us for more details.

For more information, please contact Maricopa Mountain DWID at (520) 424-9646.
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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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