

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 June 2021 showed nitrate levels of 13.7 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 operations within the next six 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.
Address: 727 North Amarillo Valley Road, Maricopa, AZ. 85139

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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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
MARICOPA MOUNTAIN DWID PWS # AZ04-11087
Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards**

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Maricopa Mountain DWID, ID# 11-087 (located on Hwy 347, serving fill-site 1A on Amarillo Valley Road and the Hacienda Acres Community) 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 are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results showed that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The average standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb). The average level of arsenic over the last year was 13.8 ppb; this exceeds the MCL of 10.0 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?

The media for the arsenic removal system has been removed and is in the process of being replaced. In the meantime, the arsenic is not removed from the water. We anticipate the system will be back in operation within the next couple weeks.

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