

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **San Simon Water Co. Has Levels of Fluoride Above Drinking Water Standards**

Our water system, San Simon Water Co., 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 did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received for the year **Oct. 2017** show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for fluoride. The standard for fluoride is 4 mg/L. The average level of fluoride over the 4th quarter has been **5.6**

#### **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 fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine months. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth and occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums.

#### **What is being done?**

We are working with ADEQ to evaluate the water supply and researching options to correct the problem. These options may include treating the water to remove Fluoride. We anticipate resolving as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Chuck Fickett at 520-845-2451 or PO Box 14827 San Simon, AZ 85632

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