

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Lee Hammond Water 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 did to correct this situation.

A routine sanitary survey conducted on May 17 and 18, 2023, by the New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED DWB) found lack of a drain line on a storage facility, lack of proper screen on overflow of a storage facility, and inadequately labeled chemical tanks at a treatment facility.

- 1. 001O – inadequate construction, missing drain line at storage facility (#00624006)**
- 2. 001Q – storage facility not secured from the elements (#00624005)**
- 3. SW03 – inadequately labeled chemical tanks at treatment facility (#00624002)**

We were required to provide a corrective action plan to NMED within 45 days from the date on the survey report. Because we failed to provide a corrective action plan, the significant deficiencies noted in the survey report were also due to be corrected within the same 45 days. 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? The issues were corrected by the end of May. We failed to report the corrections to the NMED DWB on time. We will adjust our processes so that this does not happen again.

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