

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER

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

### East Valley Water District Has Levels of Gross Alpha Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

*Please read this notice fully and carefully.*

We routinely monitor for the presence of contaminants. Water sample results received in 2009 showed Gross Alpha levels of 16 pCi/L. This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 15 pCi/L.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. For more information on Alpha Radiation please refer to the following EPA website:  
<http://www.epa.gov/radiation/understand/alpha.html>
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What happened? What is being done?

One of the District's 21 Wells produced a sample of Gross Alpha over a four-quarter period of 16 pCi/L. The water produced from this Well is immediately blended with water from other Wells as well as the water in the distribution system. The actual alpha radiation your tap received varies but was most likely below the MCL.

The Well has been turned off. This action was immediate and was taken on April 14, 2010. This Well will not be producing water for distribution until it is tested repeatedly and provides a consistent Gross Alpha result below the MCL of 15 pCi/L **OR** a treatment unit designed to remove the alpha radiation or the mineral causing it, is constructed and installed for this Well.

For more information, please contact Ron Buchwald at (909) 888-8986 or [rbuchwald@eastvalley.org](mailto:rbuchwald@eastvalley.org) or P.O. Box 3427, San Bernardino, CA 92413. Please share this information with all 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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

#### Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116459(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by East Valley Water District.