

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Cottonwood Municipal Water System 13-106 Well Site 8-2

Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

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 happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We monitor quarterly for the presence of Arsenic in the drinking water. Testing results we received on June 12, 2018 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb). The arsenic result was found at to be 11 ppb. This result also caused the running annual average (RAA) to exceed the standard of 10 ppb. The calculated average was 14 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?

Staff have determined that the well site requires the resin bead media to be replaced. The resin media is the major component of the arsenic treatment ion exchange systems. The replacement media and vessel appurtenances are purchased and expected to arrive in the next few weeks. Staff will install this new media and complete replacement of the interior vessel piping. In the interim, staff will regenerate the site more often in order to keep the levels below the standard.

For more information, please contact Roger Biggs at (928) 634-0186 ext. 3307 or via email at rbiggs@cottonwoodaz.gov

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.

This notice is being sent to you by City of Cottonwood VV6. State Water System ID#: 13-106.

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