

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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

Kern Valley State Prison Has Levels of Arsenic Above the Drinking Water Standard

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Based on data gathered through monitoring our wells over the last four quarters, the running annual average for wells 1 and 2 is 0.013mg/L and 0.022mg/L, respectively. This is above the USEPA standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.010mg/L.

What should I do?

- You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk to getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

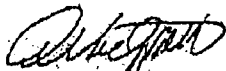
What happened? What is being done?

Kern Valley State Prison is working with Facilities Planning, Construction and Management to install an Arsenic Treatment System. We anticipate resolving the problem by June 2009.

For more information, please contact George Jaime, Correctional Plant Manager II, at (861) 721-6300 extension 6379.

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