



## 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.

### Tests showed Coliform Bacteria Levels in Camp Pendleton's Northern Water System

Our Northern Water System recently violated a drinking water standard. The Northern Water System provides water to all Camp Pendleton areas north of Las Pulgas Road, excluding the 43 Area. 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.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 18 samples from our distribution system to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during July 2016. Two of those samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that if sampling less than 40 samples per month, no more than one sample per month may do so.

#### What should I 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. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**

#### What is being done?

Upon learning of the non-compliant test results, staff immediately flushed the water lines in the affected areas, increased disinfectant levels, and resampled for total coliform and other bacteria. Follow-up tests were negative for total coliform and other bacteria. We will continue to monitor water quality closely and implement further action should the situation require.

For more information, please contact Allen Hollander at (760) 725-3567 or Water Resource Division, P.O. Box 555009 MCB Camp Pendleton, CA 92055.

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 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 116450(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 the Camp Pendleton Northern Water System.

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