

## 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.

### Nicasio School Has A Level of Disinfection Byproducts Above 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 did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results collected in July 2016 showed that the locational running annual average of haloacetic acids (HAA5) level was 0.067 milligrams per liter (mg/L). This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.060 mg/L for HAA5.

#### What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What happened? What was done?

To protect drinking water from disease-causing organisms, or pathogens, a disinfectant is added to drinking water. However, disinfection byproducts can form when organic-rich water is disinfected. A major challenge is how to control and limit risks from pathogens, maintain sufficient chlorine level to help to remove iron and manganese, and minimize disinfection byproduct formation at the same time. Disinfection byproducts tend to be highest during periods of long detention times in storage tanks. As a result of the disinfection process, we have exceeded the MCL of HAA5.

*Nicasio School is in the process of applying for state funding to upgrade the district's water treatment system as recommended by state engineers. These upgrades, once funding is secured and they are completed, will address the problem identified in this citation. Those upgrades include new multimedia filters, a new transfer pump on the suction lines from the old cement tanks, new filters on the existing poly tank, and relocation of the existing booster pumps to the discharge of the existing poly tank.*

For more information, please contact **Holly McArthur** at **415-259-9481**, or **Nicasio School, P.O. Box 711, Nicasio, CA 94946**.

*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)]:

- 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 Nicasio School public water system.

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