

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.

Donner Summit Public Utility District Did Not Meet the Treatment Requirement (Turbidity)

Our water system recently exceeded a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency or posed a health threat, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

DSPUD routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This parameter measures the effectiveness of the filtration process of a water treatment process. Water samples for the months of August and September 2009 showed that 10 percent of turbidity measurements were over 0.3 turbidity units. The turbidity standards require that no more than 5 percent of samples may exceed 0.3 turbidity units per month.

What should you 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. Turbidity is generally not harmful.

Turbidity has no health effects. However, high levels of turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. 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.

If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may consult your doctor.

What Happened? What Was Done?

The treatment system at Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) may have had a temporary lapse in performance and not treat the source water to drinking water standards. DSPUD has done the following to correct the situation:

Adjustments have been made in the filter operation and monitoring to insure that the turbidity leaving the plant meets or exceeds all requirements. DSPUD has had the source water treated for algae and has performed maintenance on its filter system. DSPUD has increased chlorine dosages to ensure proper disinfection and residuals within the distribution system.

For more information, please contact James King of the DSPUD at 530-426-9144.

Please share this information with 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.

Upon receipt of this notice from a public water system the following establishments must provide secondary notification by distributing this notice within ten days as follows: Schools must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors). Residential rental property owners or managers (including nursing home and care facilities) must notify tenants. Business property owners, managers, or operators must notify employees of businesses located on the property. [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]

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