IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA POTABLE. AVISO DISPONIBLE EN ESPAÑOL.

Joshua Basin Water District's (JBWD) Water System has levels of Naturally Occurring Hexavalent Chromium (chromium-6) above California's New Drinking Water Standard.

THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY. As our customers, you have the right to know what has happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to comply with the state's new regulation.

We routinely monitor the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results reviewed in the 4 most recent quarters, showed average hexavalent chromium levels of approximately 21.35 parts per billion (ppb) across all wells. This exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 10 ppb.

WHAT HAPPENED?

- California adopted a chromium-6 MCL of 10 ppb, effective October 1, 2024.
- Chromium-6 was detected at levels above the new MCL. The average across all wells is 21.35 ppb.
- California's MCL is the nation's only drinking water standard for chromium-6.

WHAT IS JBWD DOING?

- We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board to address this exceedance and comply with the MCL. Specifically, we have completed an evaluation of Best Available Technologies (BAT) for hexavalent chromium removal in partnership with Jacobs Engineering. We plan to begin a pilot study in 2026 and will move into the next phase of the project, design, following completion and evaluation of the pilot study results.
- While we do not anticipate meeting the State's compliance deadline of October 1, 2027, we are proceeding in accordance with our State-approved compliance plan and expect to complete all required improvements by December 31, 2032.

DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING?

- **No alternative water supply is needed.**
- **This is not an emergency**. If it were, you would have been notified right away. However, drinking water with chromium-6 levels above the MCL over many years *may* increase the risk of cancer. If you have concerns about how this may affect your health, consider consulting your doctor.

You are welcome to share this information with all individuals who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (e.g., residents of 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 by mail.

If you are a school or school system, the owner or operator of residential rental property, or the owner or operator of a business property, you are legally required to notify the following people of the information in this notice within ten days of your receipt of this notice:

- **SCHOOLS:** You must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): You must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS**: You must notify employees of businesses

located on the property.

- If you fail to notify the above people, you may be civilly liable for up to $1,000 per day for each day that you fail to inform them. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 116450, subd. (g); 116650, subd. (e).)

For more information, visit our website at www.jbwd.com/chromium-6 or contact us at 760-366-8438, by email at customerservice@jbwd.com, or in person at 61750 Chollita Rd., Joshua Tree, CA 92252. This notice is being sent to you by Joshua Basin Water District, System ID# CA3610025

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JBWD on-going monitoring of Running Annual Average (RAA):

Quarters	Well 10	Well 14	Well 15	Well 16	Well 17
2026 Quarter 1	13	18	14	38	24
2026 Quarter 2	12	17	18	38	23
2026 Quarter 3	12	17	17	35	25
2025 Quarter 4	12	17	offline	38	24
Rolling Annual Average (ppb)	12.25	17.25	12.25	37.25	24

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