

## 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.

### **Joshua Basin Water District has levels of hexavalent chromium above the new drinking water standard.**

**This is not an emergency.** As our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results received on April 28, 2025, showed Hexavalent Chromium levels of 22 parts per billion (ppb) on average across all wells. This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 0.010 parts per million (0.010 ppm) or 10 parts per billion (10 ppb). We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board to address this exceedance and comply with the MCL within a compliance timeline.

#### **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 Hexavalent Chromium in excess of MCL over many years *may* have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### **What happened? What is being done?**

- The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) approved a *new* Hexavalent Chromium MCL of 10 ppb effective October 1, 2024.
- The detected Hexavalent Chromium levels in our water exceed this new MCL, however, a water system of our size is not considered in violation of the new MCL **until after October 1, 2027**. The water is the same, only the MCL has changed.
- We have completed and submitted a Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plan that will be reviewed by SWRCB.
- We are working with SWRCB to address this exceedance and comply with the new MCL. Specifically, we have been working with Jabob's Engineering to evaluate the Best Available Technologies (BAT) to address Hexavalent Chromium removal. We anticipate resolving the problem by the State Water Resources Control Board's deadline of October 1, 2027.

*You are welcome to 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 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, then 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 shall be civilly liable for up to \$1,000 per day for each day that you fail to notify them. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 116450, subd. (g); 116650, subd. (e).)

For more information, please contact the District at 760-366-8438, or by email [customerservice@jbwd.com](mailto:customerservice@jbwd.com), or by mail PO Box 675, Joshua Tree, CA 9225.

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