

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Drinking Water Standard Not Met for Larned State Hospital

During an inspection on 8/8/2018, 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 happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

Public water supply systems (PWSS) are required to have a sanitary survey conducted every 3-5 years depending on that water systems classification. A sanitary survey is a physical inspection in addition to an inspection of the operation and maintenance of that water system. Sanitary surveys are an important tool used to insure that the quality of your drinking water is safe. During the required inspection, significant deficiencies defined as an effect in design, operation, or maintenance, or a failure or malfunction of the water systems sources, treatment, storage, or distribution system that is causing or has the potential to allow for a pathway for contamination may be identified. When significant deficiencies are identified a PWSS has 30 days to contact the state in order to arrive at a reasonable schedule of compliance to correct the outstanding deficiencies. Our PWSS failed to contact the state within the required timeframe.

What should I do?

- If the significant deficiency identified was an imminent health threat immediate corrective action would have been required and you would have been notified immediately. You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

- Significant deficiencies identified during the sanitary survey must be corrected within 120 days of being notified or within a state derived time frame. These deficiencies are not an immediate risk. If they had been, you would have been notified immediately.

What happened? What is being done?

Chlorine Residual Samples were being taken at a primary distribution point in the main power plant and the chlorine residual test were tested at acceptable levels at all times, the surveyor asked to change the process and take samples at varying locations throughout the Larned State Hospital Campus which have again been tested at acceptable levels. The chlorine residual testing documents were changed after the survey to include samples from various locations throughout the Larned State Hospital Campus but the PWSS didn't notify the surveyor within the 30 day time-frame.

We anticipate resolving the problem within: The LSH engineering department began sampling chlorine residuals from the additional testing sites on 8/13/2018; Allen Nichols was contacted on 12/3/2018 to be notified of the change in the chlorine residual sampling process/additional locations.

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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 notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Larned State Hospital.

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