# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

# STAGECOACH GID HAS LEVELS OF ARSENIC ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

Our water system recently had an exceedance of a drinking water standards. 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.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results, for samples collected during the 2023-2024 compliance period, show that our system exceeds the standards, or Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), for arsenic. The MCL for arsenic is 0.010mg/L

W01: The running annual average for arsenic from July 2023 through June 2024 was **0.011 mg/L**. An arsenic MCL violation was given for quarter 2 2024 at Well 1 (W01).

## What should I do?

This is not an immediate health risk. In order to reduce exposure to arsenic in drinking water, the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water recommends the use of alternative sources such as bottled water for drinking and cooking. System water may still be safely used for bathing, dish washing, laundry and other household uses. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

## What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

# What happened? What is being done? When will the problem be corrected?

Operator took sample at wrong location.

We are currently monitoring site as requested.

We will increase the frequency at which we test the water for arsenic and uranium.

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.

For more information, please contact:

Responsible Person	System Name Stagecoach GID	System Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	
Phone Number	System PWSID: # NV0000224	5000 Navajo Trl. Stagecoach, NV. 89429	

## Instructions for Arsenic and MCL Notice – Tier 2 Violation

Since exceeding the arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) is a **Tier 2** violation, you must provide public notice to persons served as soon as practical but within **30 days** after you learn of the violation (C.F.R. 141.203(b)). You must issue a repeat notice **every three months** for **as long as the violation persists.** 

Community systems must use one of the following methods (C.F.R. 141,203(c)):

- Hand or direct delivery
- Mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill

Non-community systems must use one of the following methods (C.F.R. 141.203(c)):

- Posting in conspicuous locations
- Hand delivery
- Mail or email

In addition, <u>both</u> community and non-community systems must use **another** method reasonably calculated to reach others **IF** they would not be reached by the first method (C.F.R. 141.203(c)). Such methods could include newspapers, e-mail, or delivery to community organizations.

## You must also perform the following:

- If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on letterhead, if available.
- Notify new billing customers or units prior to or at the time their service begins.
- Provide multi-lingual notifications if 30% of the residents served are non-English speaking.

The notice on the reverse is appropriate for hand delivery or mail. If you modify the notice, you must still include all the required elements, and the standard language (including the health effects language) in **bold italics** must not be changed. This language is mandatory (C.F.R. 141.205(d)).

#### **Corrective Action**

In your notice, describe correction actions you are taking. Do not use overly technical terminology when describing treatment methods. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with chemical or radiological violations. Use one or more of the following actions, if appropriate, or develop your own:

- We are working with [local/state agency] to evaluate the water supply and researching options to correct the problem. These options may include treating the water to remove arsenic and uranium or connecting to [system]'s water supply.
- We have stopped using the contaminated well. We have increased pumping from other wells, and we are investigating drilling a new well.
- We will increase the frequency at which we test the water for arsenic and uranium.
- We have since taken samples at this location and had them tested. They show that we meet the standards.

Date Notice Distributed: 7-25-2024 Method of Distribution: Paper/ website

## Repeat Notices

If this is an ongoing violation and/or you fluctuate above and below the MCL, you should give the history behind the violation, including the source of contamination, if known. List the date of the initial detection, as well as how levels have changed over time. If levels are changing as a result of treatment, you can indicate this.

#### After Issuing the Notice (C.F.R. 141.31(d))

Within 10 days after completing the initial public notification, the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water MUST receive a copy of the notice you distributed to your customers with your <u>signature and date</u> on the Public Notification Certification (located at the bottom of the notice) indicating that you have fully complied with all the public notice requirements. Mail your notice/certification to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, 901 South Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Retain a copy of these documents for your files.

It is a good idea to inform your consumers when the violation is resolved.

## §141.205 Content of the public notice.

Public Notification Certification:			
The public water system named above hereby affirms to in accordance with all delivery, content, format, and dead Owner/Operator:	hat public notification has been produced in Notification has been produce	rovided to its consumer IAC 445A.485.  7-25-2024 (Date)	

(a) What elements must be included in the public notice for violations of National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) or other situations requiring a public notice?

When a public water system violates a NPDWR or has a situation requiring public notification, each public notice <u>must include</u> the following elements:

- (1) A description of the violation or situation, including the contaminant(s) of concern, and (as applicable) the contaminant level(s);
- (2) When the violation or situation occurred;
- (3) Any potential adverse health effects from the violation or situation, including the standard language under paragraph (d)(1) or (d)(2) of this section, whichever is applicable;
- (4) The population at risk, including subpopulations particularly vulnerable if exposed to the contaminant in their drinking water;
- (5) Whether alternative water supplies should be used;
- (6) What actions consumers should take, including when they should seek medical help, if known;
- (7) What the system is doing to correct the violation or situation;
- (8) When the water system expects to return to compliance or resolve the situation:
- (9) The name, business address, and phone number of the water system owner, operator, or designee of the public water system as a source of additional information concerning the notice; and
- (10) A statement to encourage the notice recipient to distribute the public notice to other persons served, using the standard language under paragraph (d)(3) of this section, where applicable.
- (b) What elements must be included in the public notice for public water systems operating under a variance or exemption?
  - (1) If a public water system has been granted a variance or an exemption, the public notice must contain:
    - (i) An explanation of the reasons for the variance or exemption;
    - (ii) The date on which the variance or exemption was issued;
    - (iii) A brief status report on the steps the system is taking to install treatment, find alternative sources of water, or otherwise comply with the terms and schedules of the variance or exemption; and