

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

White Sands Missile Range (Main Post)-FF Failed to Correct Significant Deficiencies Within Required Time Frame

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

A routine sanitary survey conducted on November 13, 2023, by the New Mexico Environment Department-Drinking Water Bureau (NMED DWB) found five significant deficiencies in our water system. Two of these deficiencies still have not been corrected.

- 1. No record of professional inspection for the Intermediate East Storage Tank**
- 2. No record of professional inspection for the Intermediate West Storage Tank**

As required by Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Ground Water Rule, we were required to correct these deficiencies. However, we failed to take this action by the deadline established by the NMED DWB.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. 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.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

WSMR is developing a contract to attain a State Certified Utility Inspector to perform a comprehensive inspection of the Intermediate East Storage Tank and the Intermediate West Storage Tank. We anticipate the inspections will be completed within the next 180 days from this notification. WSMR conducts routine water quality testing required by the Safe Drinking Water Act and our water system meets applicable standards.

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