



**Hartstene Pointe Water-Sewer District**  
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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **The Hartstene Pointe Water System Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards**

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 the District is doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On August 11, we received notice that the Arsenic sample collected after treatment at Well 2 on July 26 showed that our system exceeded the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Arsenic. The standard for Arsenic is 10 Parts Per Billion (PPB). The average level of Arsenic for the last quarter has been 10.5 PPB. The July 26, sample level was 12 PPB.

#### **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.

#### **What does this mean?**

**This is not an emergency.** If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, 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 is being done?**

The Drinking Water Operator is optimizing the chemical treatment process at Well 2 in order to increase the effectiveness of Arsenic removal. However, the treatment facility has surpassed its useful life span and optimization may not be possible. The treatment facility in question will be taken offline in October and replaced with a new filtration system which will provide an Arsenic removal level below the MCL. During construction we will be operating Well 1 which does not have an Arsenic exceedance. The production level of Well 1 cannot meet the increased demand of summer usage or we would operate it until construction on the new filtration system begins. The new water filtration system should be completed and online by January 2017.

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For more information, please contact the District's Water Operator and General Manager, Mont Jeffreys, at (360) 427-2413 or email gm@hpwatersewer.com.

*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, renters and guests.*

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