

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

DONALA WSD

High Levels of Combined Radium

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

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Our water system has a water source at Holbein Plant A with levels above the drinking water maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Combined Radium. Although this situation 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.

The calculation of combined radium is an average of samples collected over the past four quarters of sampling. Here are the last four quarters of data.

2nd Quarter 2021	3rd Quarter 2021	4th Quarter 2021	1st Quarter 2022
7.5 pCi/L	9.6 pCi/L	source was off	source was off

Please note that no water has been served to consumers from this plant since October 1, 2021. Therefore, the calculation is an average for the spring and summer months of 2021 when the plant was operational.

On April 8, 2022 we were notified that the average calculated value of 8.55 pCi/L over the past year at the Holbein Plant A exceeds the MCL of 5 pCi/L for combined radium.

What does this mean? What should I do?

- You may want to use an alternative drinking water supply (e.g. bottled). If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- Some people who drink water containing radium -226 or -228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What is being done?

The Holbein Water Filtration Plant, which is the plant that had tested high for Radium, is only being brought online during irrigation season to provide water for increased demand. DWSD is anticipating putting the Holbein Plant back online towards the end of June and will most likely run into the fall months to keep up with added demand from irrigation use. In the meantime, we have completely refurbished the Holbein filters and are awaiting new media to arrive, which we believe will enhance the radium removal process. We will continue evaluating the best possible options to treat and remove the Radium, under the guidance of our engineers.

We anticipate resolving the problem by **November 2023**. For more information, please contact **Jeff Hodge** at GM@Donalawater.com or **719-488-3603** or **15850 Holbein C/S CO 80921**.

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.

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