

# \*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER\*\*\* CITRUS PARK WATER (AZ0414107) Yuma, County Has Levels of Fluoride Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system **Citrus Park** 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.

We routinely monitor the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on June 10, 2024, show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for fluoride. The standard for fluoride is 4.0 mg/L. The running annual average (RAA) for fluoride is 4.49 mg/L.

## What should I do?

Children under the age of nine should use an alternative source of water that is low in fluoride. In addition, you may want to consult your dentist about whether to avoid dental products containing fluoride. Adults and children over the age of nine should consult their dentist or doctor and show him/her this notice to determine if an alternate source of water low in fluoride should be used.

## What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Fluoride in small amounts helps prevent tooth decay. However, some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or greater may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums. Although it takes many years of exposure to fluoride for bone disease to develop, mottling can occur after a relatively short period of exposure.

## What is being done?

We are aware of the historical elevated fluoride levels at the water system. We intend to continue to monitor the water supply and install a centralized treatment system that will remove fluoride. This project is expected to be underway within the next 12 months.

For more information, please contact Cactus State UOC's customer support at 1-800-670-4869 or at support@cactusstateuoc.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, 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 Cactus State Utility Operating Company Public Water System ID#: AZ0414107







## \*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER\*\*\* CITRUS PARK WATER (AZ0414107) Yuma, County Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system **Citrus Park** 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.

We routinely monitor the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on June 10, 2024, show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 10 ppb. The running annual average (RAA) for Arsenic is 19 ppb.

## What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative water supply (such as bottled water). However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

## What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. 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 many have an increased risk of getting cancer.

## What is being done?

We are aware of the historical elevated arsenic levels at the water system. We intend to continue to monitor the water supply and install a centralized treatment system that will remove arsenic. This project is expected to be underway within the next 12 months.

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