

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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Coachella Valley Water District's **ID 8 WATER SYSTEM** Has Levels of Naturally Occurring Hexavalent Chromium (chromium-6) above California's New Drinking Water Standard

**THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY.** As our customers, you have the right to know what has happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to comply with the state's new regulation.

We routinely monitor our drinking water supply to ensure it meets drinking water standards. Water sample results reviewed on October 7, 2025, showed running annual average hexavalent chromium levels of 11 to 12 parts per billion (ppb). This exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 0.010 milligrams per liter, or 10 ppb. We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water (DDW) to address this exceedance and comply with the new MCL within a compliance timeline.

**WHAT IS CHROMIUM-6?** Chromium is a naturally occurring metallic element found in the Earth's crust, including rocks and sediment.

## **WHAT HAPPENED?**

- California adopted a chromium-6 MCL of 10 ppb, which became effective October 1, 2024.
- Chromium-6 was detected at levels that exceed the new MCL, between 11 and 12 ppb.
- California's MCL is the nation's only drinking water standard for chromium-6.

## **WHAT IS CVWD DOING?**

- CVWD has completed a Compliance Plan that was submitted to the DDW for review.
- CVWD is working with the DDW to address this exceedance and comply with the new MCL. This includes an implementation plan to identify the most cost-effective solutions for its ratepayers.

## **DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING?**

- **No. You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- **This is not an emergency.** If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing chromium-6 more than the MCL over many years *may* have an increased risk of getting cancer. If you have your health concerns related to consuming this water, you may want to consult your doctor.

**For more information**, visit our website at [cvwd.org/Cr6](http://cvwd.org/Cr6). Please contact the Water Quality Division at 760-398-2651, extension 2515 or by email at [WQinquiries@cvwd.org](mailto:WQinquiries@cvwd.org) if you have any questions.

Please share this information with all individuals who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (e.g., residents of apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or by mail.

**If you are a school or school system, the owner or operator of residential rental property, or the owner or operator of a business property**, then you are legally required to notify the following people of the information in this notice within ten days of your receipt of this notice:

**SCHOOLS:** You must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).

**RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): You must notify tenants.

**BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** You must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

If you fail to notify the above people, you may be civilly liable for up to \$1,000 per day for each day that you fail to inform them. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 116450, subd. (g); 116650, subd. (e).)

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