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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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

December 10, 2021

South Montebello Irrigation District has Levels of Manganese Above the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level System Number 1910153

Our water system recently violated the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). A secondary standard affects the color and taste of the water delivered to customers. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The four-quarter annual running average was determined on September 10, 2021 to be .066 milligrams per liter (mg/L). This is above the secondary MCL of 0.05 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The source these samples were taken from was offline September 2020 for repairs and missed its sampling for that quarter. As of the date on this notice, the source that produced results is offline for repairs.

What should I do?

- **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 may notice water discoloration, and possibly taste and/or odor issues with their drinking water. This is not considered a health concern.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

South Montebello Irrigation District ("SMID") plans to conduct a survey of its customers to consider two options for the manganese in the water. The survey will ask customers (1) whether they want to treat the manganese and incur additional costs on their monthly bill or (2) continue to use the water with current manganese concentrations, which exceed the Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level. We anticipate providing the described survey to our customers in the second quarter of 2022. Please share this information with your neighbors.

Please note: If the customer survey shows more than 50 percent of the billed customers voted for the manganese reduction treatment or more than 50 percent of billed customers did not respond, then SMID must install treatment. It is important if you do not want your monthly bill to rise due to **manganese treatment** then you must respond to the survey.

For more information, please call (323) 721-4735 or visit our website for water quality updates:

<https://smid.specialdistrict.org/>