

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

This notice contains important information regarding your drinking water. Please contact South Montebello Irrigation District if you would like the Spanish version of this notice.

Este aviso contiene información importante sobre su agua potable. Póngase en contacto con el South Montebello Irrigation District si desea la versión en español de este aviso.

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET FOR SOUTH MONTEBELLO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Our water system received a monitoring violation for drinking water standards during the past year. Even though this was **not an emergency**, as our customers, you have a right to know more information.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the month of June 2021 South Montebello Irrigation District was supposed to report 15 samples for Total Coliform Bacteria for the month of June and only reported 12 samples. The missing three (3) samples were lost by the Laboratory during transport and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for during the last year

Contaminant	Required Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When All Samples Should have been Taken	When Samples were Taken
Total Coliform Bacteria	Monthly	12 (out of 15)	June 1, 2021- June 30, 2021	June 1, 2021- June 30, 2021

What happened? What is being done?

On June 22, 2021 South Montebello Irrigation District (SMID) collected our routine samples for testing Total Coliform Bacteria (three total samples that day). The samples were transferred to the laboratory carrier used to transport the samples from our office to the laboratory for analysis. **During the transportation process the three samples were lost**, SMID was not contacted by the laboratory regarding our routine samples missing. Since the samples were lost during the end of the month, SMID did not have enough time to resample and replace these missing samples. Since the issue with the missing samples SMID has taken additional caution ensuring the correct number of samples have been received by the lab and are being processed on time. SMID has not has any issues with missing samples since this incident. Field testing that day indicated that there was no presence of bacteria in the water system.

Please share this information with your community, contact our offices at 323-721-4735 for more information or the website at: <https://smid.specialdistrict.org/>

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