

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este aviso contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable, por favor lea el aviso en español si va aquí incluido. Si el aviso en español no va incluido aquí, contacte al sistema de agua para pedir una copia.

The Gratton School Water System Has Levels of 1,2,3-Trichloropropane Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. 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. Water samples collected between April 2020 and June 2020 showed a 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) concentration of 0.009 µg/L (9 parts per trillion, or 0.000009 milligrams per liter). The average concentration in water samples collected over the past four calendar quarters is **0.008 µg/L** (8 parts per trillion, or 0.000008 milligrams per liter), which is above the state MCL of **0.005 µg/L** (5 parts per trillion, or 0.000005 milligrams per liter).

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 who drink water containing 1,2,3-TCP in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- 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?

1,2,3- TCP is a chlorinated hydrocarbon and a stable molecule that does not deteriorate rapidly in the environment. It is a manmade chemical that was used in the past as a cleaning and degreasing agent; it is also associated with some pesticide products historically used.

We do not know exactly how or why this chemical ended up in the groundwater. However, we have investigated possible corrective measures and are working with the local environmental health authorities to ensure that safe drinking water is supplied to our consumers. At this time, the district is working with the State Water Resources Control Board to attain funding for a permanent correction. We are awaiting their feedback to determine what course of action the District is able to take in securing a compliant water quality for the site.

For more information, please contact Quality Service, Inc. at (209)838-7842 or the Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Health at (209) 525-6700.

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Date distributed: 7/10/20

This notice is being sent to you by the Gratton School District.

Further information for the Water System (DO NOT DISTRIBUTE):

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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

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APPENDIX 3 - CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Compliance Order Number: DER-19R-014

Name of Water System: Gratton School

System Number: 5000273

Attach a copy of the public notice distributed to the water system's customers.

This form, when completed and sent to Environmental Health, serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 64463-64465.

Public notification for failure to comply with the 1,2,3-TCP MCL was conducted on:

Notification was made on 7/10/20 (date).

For the following monitoring period: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th quarter(s) of 2020 (year).
(Circle appropriate quarter(s))

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts taken, please check all items below that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

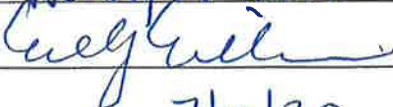
For Community and non-transient non-community public water systems

The notice was distributed by mail or direct delivery to each customer on: _____

One or more of the following methods were used to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery or persons served by a transient public water system (renters, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):

- Posted the notice at the following conspicuous locations served by the water system. (If needed, please attach a list of locations). Posting on a public bulletin board that will be seen by each of the consumers
- Publication of the notice in a local newspaper or newsletter of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published).
- Posted the notice on the Internet at www.grattonschool.net/Parents
- Other method used to notify customers. _____

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

Certified by: Printed Name Wendy Williams Title Superintendent
Signature 
Date 7/10/20

Disclosure: Be advised that the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 116725 and 116730 state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act may be liable for, respectively, a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation or, for continuing violations, for each day that violation continues, or be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

APPENDIX 4 – QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Water System: Gratton School	Water System No: 5000273
Compliance Order No: DER-19R-014	Violation: 1,2,3-TCP MCL
Calendar Quarter: Second Quarter 2020	Date: 07/09/2020

This form should be prepared and signed by Gratton School personnel with appropriate authority to implement the directives of the Compliance Order and the Corrective Action Plan. Please attach additional sheets as necessary. The quarterly progress report must be submitted by the 10th day of each subsequent quarter, to the Environmental Health to the following email address: LPAStanislaus@envres.org titled appropriately.

Summary of Compliance Plan:

The Gratton School District SPWS is considering consolidation and treatment as possible options to meet water quality standards. A new groundwater well is not recommendable as an option since the existing water supply was recently finalized (in 2017) and was installed to comply with the Arsenic MCL. The system ownership will assess the feasibility of the available options and will plan, attain funding for, and implement a construction project to comply with CCR 22 water quality requirements.

Tasks completed in the reporting quarter:

The system is in the planning phase. Gratton School District is in a holding pattern until the state is able to approve financial assistance for a project to improve water quality.

Tasks remaining to complete:

Gratton School District and Self Help Enterprises will continue working on the general, technical, environmental, and financial security sections of the grant application. The application will need to be reviewed by the state and approved for financing, a process which could take 1-2 years. After the initial financing agreement is approved, planning, design, and permitting for the project will need to be completed. The project will need to be estimated and a final budget approval granted. After which, the project will be bid, organized, and implemented.

Anticipated compliance date:

Unknown at this time; we hope to meet or exceed the June 21st, 2022 compliance deadline.

Wendy Williams

Printed Name

Wendy Williams

Signature

Superintendent

Title

7/10/20

Date