

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT REST AREA DRINKING WATER

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

California Department of Transportation Shandon Safety Roadside Rest Area Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

On June 30, 2016, our water system 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 did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 2 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during June 2016. Of the 2 samples taken, 2 samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

What should I do?

- **This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that the problem has been resolved.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. They should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What was done?

The rest area water system was inadvertently contaminated during routine maintenance and repair. Upon learning of the problem the rest area was immediately closed and water to the comfort stations and the drinking fountains was turned off. The water system distribution pipes and the drinking fountain reverse osmosis units were inspected, cleaned, and disinfected. The rest area water system was retested for coliform bacteria and the tests came back normal. The water system was turned back on and the rest area was re-opened.

For more information, please contact:

Mr. Dennis Glickman, Caltrans Maintenance Area Superintendent at 805-434-1812.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have seen this notice directly (for example other vehicle passengers, and service providers).

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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