



# LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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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.

### La Habra Heights County Water District Has Levels of Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)

#### Above the Response Level

Our water system recently confirmed a detection of PFOA above the public health-based response level. 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 sample results received on 3/7/2022 showed PFOA levels of 12.75 ng/L at our well #9, 13.5 ng/L (parts per Trillion) at our well #10, and 12 ng/L at our well #11. This is above the State Water Board established response level annual average of 10 nanograms per liter (parts per Trillion).

1 part per trillion is equivalent to a single drop of water in 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

#### 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.
- *This is not considered a high concentration exposure and therefore is not associated with immediate health concerns.*
- *Some people who drink water containing PFOA over many years may experience liver effects and may be at a greater risk in developing 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?**

Consumer products are a large source of exposure to PFOA. In addition to water, humans can be exposed to PFOA through a variety of sources, including food, dust in homes and imported consumer products. It is unknown how PFOA entered the water aquifer at this time.

The District has chosen to send you this notice as an alternative to other options. A Maximum Contaminate Level (the legal threshold limit on the amount of a substance that is allowed in public water systems, also known as "MCL" which is set by the EPA) has NOT been set for PFOA. The Water District has been actively pursuing a remedy to address PFOA and other PFAS chemicals, such as our participation in a pilot study program to remove PFAS from the water and working with our Engineering firm to find the best options possible. Once an MCL is set we will have all the information necessary to effectively address the PFAS problem with treatment, which is one option. Another option requires blending our water with another source, which is physically impossible for our District. The last option is to remove the wells from service, which would increase our cost of water by 232% to use import water. We anticipate resolving the problem within two years from the effective date of an MCL for PFOA.

For more information, please contact Michael Gualtieri or Joe Matthews at (562) 697-6769 or 1271 N. Hacienda Rd, La Habra Heights, CA 90631.

*Please share this information with all of 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.*

This notice is being sent to you by La Habra Heights County Water District.

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