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 for the fourth quarter of 2026, received on 11/10/2026 showed quarterly running annual average PFOA levels of 11.25 ng/L (parts per trillion or ppt) at our well #10. Well #11 showed quarterly running annual average PFOA levels of 11.25 ng/L (parts per trillion or ppt). These are above the State Water Board established response level annual average of 10 nanograms per liter (parts per trillion).

1.0 ng/L or 1.0 part per trillion(ppt) 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 in excess of the notification level over many years may experience adverse health effects. PFOA exposures have been shown to cause increased liver weight and cancer in laboratory animals.
- 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.

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The District is sending you this notice while we work to meet a newly adopted final rule setting a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for PFOA and five other PFAS chemicals in drinking water. A Maximum Contaminant Level is the legal threshold limit on the amount of a substance that is allowed in public water systems, which is set by the EPA. On April 10, 2024, the MCL for PFOA was finalized at 4.0 ng/L (parts per trillion). The EPA's final rule requires all public water systems to complete initial monitoring for all six PFAS chemicals by the year 2027. The District already samples for PFAS chemicals quarterly and will continue to do so to complete the initial monitoring requirement. All public water systems must then implement solutions that reduce PFAS in drinking water if monitoring shows that drinking water levels exceed these MCLs by the year 2031.

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.

Now that an MCL is set, the District has the information necessary to effectively address the PFAS problem with either treatment, which is one option, or purchasing PFAS free drinking water from other sources. The last option of blending our ground water with another source is physically impossible for our District.

For more information, please contact Joe Matthews or Ivan Ramirez 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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