

## **What happened? What is being done?**

Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems, storm water run-off, and fertilizers). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We will let you know when the level of nitrates in Well No. 2 is again below the limit.

The District currently has two operating wells, Well No. 2 and Well No. 4. Well No. 4 is the lead well, providing a compliant supply. In order to satisfy customer demand and maintain a required minimum pressure, Well No. 2 has been used. This has introduced into the system water which does not meet the nitrate drinking water standard. It remains to be determined what has caused this increase and if this increase has any relationship to the above-normal snowfall runoff and extended surface water run to surrounding agricultural lands this year.

The District is evaluating the status of Well No. 5 for potential use. As the well does not currently have a power source or connecting pipelines to the existing water distribution system, this option may not offer a short-term solution. Prior test well efforts did not identify another viable replacement source.

The District plans on issuing periodic updates until such time as the water from Well No. 2 is testing below the allowable nitrate limit.

*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.

This notice is being sent to you by Tipton Community Services District.

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