



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **City of Atwater Water System Has Levels of 1,2,3 – Trichloropropane (TCP) Above the Drinking Water Standard**

The City of Atwater's water system has recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our staff, students and parents, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what the City is doing to correct this situation.

The City routinely monitors for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The State adopted a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for TCP in drinking water of 0.005 ug/l (0.000005 mg/l, or 5 parts per trillion) effective January 1, 2018. Water sample results received on April 17, 2018 showed 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) levels with a range of 0.034 ug/l to 0.140 ug/l and with an average range of 0.049 to 0.115 ug/l at Wells 14,16, and 17. This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 0.005 ug/l (0.000005 mg/l, or 5 parts per trillion).

#### **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?**

The City of Atwater is working with State Water Resources Control Board-Division of Drinking Water to evaluate the water supply and is researching options to correct the problem. This may include treating the water to remove 1,2,3-TCP.

The City of Atwater anticipates resolving the problem within 3 years.

For more information, please contact Brian Shaw at (209) 357-6370 or 470 Aviator Dr, Atwater, CA 95301

If you have additional questions about TCP and your health, you should visit the State Department of Drinking Water's TCP webpage:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/123TCP.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/123TCP.shtml)

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