



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Quartz Hill Water District

Hexavalent Chromium Above the Drinking Water Standard

This is not an emergency. As our customers, you have a right to know what's happening with your water, what it means for you, and what we are doing about it.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Recent water sample results show that some of our water sources have hexavalent chromium levels between 0.0019 and 0.013 milligrams per liter. This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 0.010 milligrams per liter (10 ppb). We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board to address this exceedance and comply with the MCL within the compliance timeline.

What is hexavalent chromium or (chrome-6)

- Chrome-6 is a natural metallic element found in the earth (rocks and soil)
- In 2014, California adopted a new limit, but was overturned in 2017
- In 2024, California re-adopted the original limit. It became effective October 1, 2024.
- Chrome-6 is a component of total chromium, which is regulated by the U.S EPA at a much higher level (0.10mg/L or 100 parts per billion). **Our water remains safely below the federal limit.**

What happened? What is being done?

- A new Hexavalent Chromium MCL of 10 ppb became effective October 1, 2024.
- Hexavalent chromium was detected at levels that exceed the MCL. However, a water system of our size is **not** considered in violation of the Hexavalent Chromium MCL until after **October 1, 2027**.
- We are developing a Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plan that will need to be approved by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- As part of our efforts, we continue to conduct comprehensive water system evaluations and assess treatment options.
- We plan to reduce the chrome-6 levels by treating the groundwater and blending with other water sources.

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 hexavalent chromium more than the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of cancer.



- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

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.

Legal Notification Requirements

If you fall into one of the categories below, you are **required by law** to share this notice within **10 days**:

- Schools: Notify all employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- Residential Rental Property Owners Or Managers (including nursing homes and care facilities): You must notify tenants.
- Business Property Owners, Managers, Or Operators: Notify employees of businesses located on the property.

If you fail to notify the above people, you may be civilly liable up to \$1,000 per day for each day that you fail to notify them. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 116450, subd. (g); 116650, subd. (e).)

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