

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Jemez Springs DWUA Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

*Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.*

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 0.010 mg/L. The yearly average level of arsenic in samples taken during 3Q2020 was 0.011 mg/L. The table below shows the dates, locations, and values detected:

Sample Location	Quarter & Year	RAA mg/L
Arsenic Treatment Plant (Gallagher)	3Q2020	0.012

### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### What is being done?

Arsenic contamination is rarely due to human activity. The excess of 0.001 RAA is due to an elevated reading in March 2017. The latest test shows a reading of 0.010 mg/L which is at the recommended guidelines. We will strive to keep levels at or below 0.010 mg/L. We anticipate the RAA being below 0.010 by April 2018.

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