

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.

City of Atwater Has Levels of Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHxS) Above the Response Level

Our water system recently confirmed a detection of PFHxS above the public health-based response level. *PFHxS has been shown to interfere with levels of thyroid hormones.* 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. The levels of PFHxS in Wells 16 and 18 were 24 nanograms per liter (ng/L) and 74 ng/L, respectively, for water samples taken in January 2025. This is above the State Water Board established response level of 20 nanograms per liter.

What should I do?

- **IF YOU ARE PREGNANT OR BREAST FEEDING, DO NOT DRINK THE WATER. DO NOT USE THE WATER TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA..** *Thyroid hormones are needed for normal prenatal growth and development of the fetus, as well as for normal growth and development in the infant and child. In adults, thyroid hormones are needed for normal metabolism and mental function.*
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the PFHxS level.
- 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 conducted sampling on January 21st, 2025. The sample results received on March 12, 2025 from Wells 16 and 18 showed PFHxS levels above the notification level set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The city has granulated activated carbon (GAC) treatment to remove 1,2,3-TCP from the water at Wells 16 and 18. The PFHxS samples were taken before GAC treatment. The city will sample the treated water to evaluate whether the GAC treatment is efficient at removing PFHxS.

For more information, please contact City of Atwater Public Works at (209) 357-6370 or 470 Aviator Dr, Atwater, CA.

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.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Atwater.

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