

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

City of Paisley Has Levels of Arsenic above Drinking Water Standards.

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 for March and April 2017 show that our system has exceeded the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Arsenic. The standard for Arsenic is 0.010 mg/L. During the testing period January through April the Arsenic level in the water tested at 0.012 mg/L, 0.014 mg/L, 0.020 mg/L and 0.016 mg/L in four separate samples. Thus far during this quarter (plus one month) the Arsenic level averaged 0.015 mg/L, which exceeds the MCL .

### **WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

According to document “Arsenic in well water: What you should know”, taken from the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division website, drinking water with an MCL between 0.010 and 0.090 mg/L is “not safe for drinking, mixing into beverages, cooking or washing fruits and vegetables, nor safe for pets to drink. It is safe for all other domestic uses. Do not boil water.” Please visit the following website for more information.

[public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/SourceWater/DomesticWellSafety/Documents/](http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/SourceWater/DomesticWellSafety/Documents/)

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. 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?**

The Arsenic Treatment Plant is online. The circuit riders for OAWU have been working closely with the City to resolve the problems at the Plant. The City is in constant contact with the Oregon Health Authority in regards to the Plant and the Arsenic issue. The City is now required to test monthly rather than quarterly for Arsenic. You will be notified of the results.

For more information, please contact City Hall at 541-943-3173 or  
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