

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

LINCOLN COUNTY PWSD 1 Has Levels of Fluoride Above Drinking Water Standards

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

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.

Analyte	Running Annual Average (RAA) for period ending December 31, 2019	RAA Unit of Measure (UOM)	MCL	MCL UOM
Fluoride	4.2	ppm	4	parts per million (ppm)

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results based on a running annual average (RAA) of quarterly samples show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL). (See table above.)

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.
- Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

What happened? What is being done? (Describe corrective action.)

Fluoride is a naturally occurring presence in the water. District staff are currently exploring options for reducing the concentration of fluoride in this particular water source.

For more information, please contact water system staff indicated below:

Evan Romo at 636-358-1648 or 3451 S HWY W, Winfield
(name of water system contact) (phone number) (mailing address)

Additionally, you may contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources St Louis Regional Office at 314-416-2960 or Public Drinking Water Branch at 573-526-6925.

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 notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by LINCOLN COUNTY PWSD 1
State Water System ID#: MO6024340.

**Instructions for Public Notice
Fluoride Violation for Period Ending December 31, 2019**

PWS ID: MO6024340

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Notification Date: January 21, 2020

Date Public Must be Notified by: February 20, 2020

Date to send Public Notification back to the Department by: February 28, 2020

Overview: Public water systems must provide public notice of Safe Drinking Water Act violations in a form and manner reasonably calculated to reach consumers as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days from being notified. The Department provides these instructions, certification (last page), and sample notice (next page) to help systems comply with the Public Notice Rule and ensure the public is duly notified. Community systems must take the following actions:

- A. Within 30 days, the water system must notify consumers of this violation. Use the following methods to distribute the notice:
1. Mail or hand-deliver a copy of the public notice to all customers. Use of this method is mandatory for community public water systems. Until returned to compliance, the system must provide the notice to new customers at the time service begins; *and*
 2. Choose at least one additional method. Cities, water districts, wholesalers and large water companies typically publish the notice in a local newspaper of general circulation. Small community systems, such as subdivisions, mobile home parks and apartments, typically post the notice. If the water system maintains a website, this would also be a good place to post the notice. Posting must be on-going for as long as the violation exists. For violations that have been resolved, the minimum posting period is 7 days.
- B. **AFTER** public notice has been made, return a copy of the distributed version provided to consumers *and* the completed certification on the next page to:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Water Protection Program
Public Drinking Water Branch
Attn: Public Notice Coordinator
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176

YOU MUST SEND PUBLIC NOTICE DOCUMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT. Failure to do so is a violation. Please submit documentation within seven days of notifying the public. For ongoing violations, send us documentation every three months. You may fax these documents to 573-751-3110 or email to DWPublicNotice@dnr.mo.gov. Please retain a copy of the certification and public notice for your records for a minimum of three years. Upon request to the Department, an electronic version of the public notice documents may be provided to the system. Complete state regulations for the public notification of drinking water violations can be found in 10 CSR 60-8.010 <http://s1.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/10csr/10c60-8.pdf>.

If you have any questions about public notice, please contact Public Notice Coordinator at the Water Protection Program, Public Drinking Water Branch at 573-526-0425. For questions about the violation, you may contact the St Louis Regional Office at 314-416-2960 or the Public Drinking Water Branch at 573-526-6925.