

**Tier 1 PN for Nitrate MCL Violation
And
Treatment Technique Violation**

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DRINKING WATER WARNING

**[System] Fails to Maintain Treatment for Removing Nitrate
from Drinking Water**

**FOR PARENTS OF INFANTS 6 MONTHS AND YOUNGER
DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS
OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE FORMULA OR JUICE**

High nitrate levels were detected on _____.

Bottled water should be used for infants.

Adults and children older than 6 months can drink the water.

On _____ we received notice that the average of two samples collected on _____ and _____ showed a nitrate concentration in the drinking water of _____ mg/L. This is above the nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level, of 10 mg/L. **Our water system treats the water to remove nitrate; however, these test results show the treatment process has stopped working.**

Possible Health Effects

**Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die.*

Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can.*

Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur in a child less than 6 months old, seek medical attention immediately. If you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

Steps We Are Taking

[Describe corrective action.]

We anticipate resolving the problem within [estimated time frame]. We will inform you when this problem has been corrected. For more information, please contact [name of contact] of [system] at [phone number] or [location/address].

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 _____.

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