

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Donala Water and Sanitation

## High Levels of Combined Radium

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

Our water system continues to violate a drinking water requirement. Although this situation 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. On December 17, 2021, 2021 we were notified that our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Combined Radium. The MCL is 5 pCi/L. The average level over the last year was 8.2 pCi/L.

NOTE: This advisory is NOT related to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated that the "Virus that causes COVID-19 has not been detected in drinking water." For additional information on COVID-19 and drinking water, you can refer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's website: <https://covid19.colorado.gov>.

### What does this mean? What should I do?

- You may want to use an alternative drinking water supply (e.g. bottled). If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- Some people who drink water containing radium -226 or -228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have an infant, severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your doctor about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### What is being done?

- **Immediate: The Holbein plant, which is the plant that tested high, has been shut down as of Oct. 1. This plant will only be run in order to comply with quarterly testing requirements. All drinking water supplied to the District is from the R. Hull plant, which has not tested high for Radium 226/228.**
- **All filter media has been removed, filters are scheduled to be sandblasted and repainted. We are currently awaiting new media to arrive.**
- **Long Term: Engaging with 3 engineering firms to evaluate treatment process changes to resolve radium maximum contaminant level issue.**

We anticipate resolving the problem by **August 31, 2023**. For more information, please contact **Jeff Hodge** at **GM@Donalawater.com** or **719-488-3603**, or **15850 Holbein C/S CO 80921**.

For further information you may access the EPA webpage on Natural Radionuclides in Public Drinking Water: <https://www.epa.gov/radtown/natural-radionuclides-public-drinking-water#about>

*\*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.*

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