

City of Montebello
Public Notification of Detections of Two Unregulated
Contaminants in City of Montebello Well No. 1
August 26, 2019

The City of Montebello (“City”) was directed by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (“DDW”), to test its South Well No. 1 for Perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA”) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (“PFOS”). We are providing our customers with this information because the confirmed test results from the City’s South Well No. 1 detected levels of PFOA of 15 to 16 parts per trillion and PFOS of 29 to 42 parts per trillion. These levels exceed DDW’s Notification Level of 5.1 parts per trillion PFOA and 6.5 part per trillion for PFOS.

There are currently no drinking water standards for these contaminants; U.S. EPA and DDW are working to establish drinking water standards.. As an interim step, DDW established Notification Levels for PFOA and PFOS. Notification Levels are nonregulatory, health-based advisory levels established for contaminants in drinking water for which maximum contaminants levels have not been established. While the City’s South Well No. 1 continues to be active, the City is required to continue on-going monitoring and provide timely notification to consumers about these detections and the quality of the City’s drinking water.

PFOA and PFOS are part of a group of man-made chemicals referred to as per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Although these chemicals are no longer manufactured in the United States, they have been extensively used for many years in consumer products used in carpets, clothing, paper packaging for food, fire-fighting foams, and materials designed to be water proof, stain resistant or non-stick. The City is committed to continuously monitor water quality and communicating information to our customers in a timely and transparent manner.

For additional information regarding PFOA and PFOS please visit the following link:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/pfos_and_pfoa/pfas%20faq_final.pdf

If you have additional question regarding your drinking water quality please visit the City’s water system website at <https://www.sgvwater.com/city-of-montebello-water-system-customers-information/> .