

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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

FCWWD #40/Shaver Springs Has Levels of Gross Alpha and Uranium Above the Drinking Water Standard

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The most recent water sample results received on August 26, 2026, showed Gross Alpha and Uranium levels at Well 6 of 38.3 pCi/L and 22 pCi/L, respectively. At Well 7, results received on August 26, 2026, show Gross Alpha levels were 313 pCi/L. These results are above the standards, or maximum contaminant levels (MCLs).

Under the U.S EPA Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and the California Safe Drinking Water Act, the MCLs for Gross Alpha and Uranium in public drinking water are 15 pCi/L and 20 pCi/L, respectively.

You have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation. Our records indicate that our water system has been under compliance orders for exceeding the Gross Alpha drinking water standard since 2013 and the Uranium standard since 2026.

What should I do?

- The water may be used for daily activities (bathing/ showering, washing dishes, washing clothes, etc.)
- Ingestion of small amounts of water over the course of resolving the compliance issue is not expected to cause immediate health concerns.
- For extended periods of non-compliance, it is recommended that you consider an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water) for drinking and cooking.
- **Gross Alpha:** *Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- **Uranium:** *Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have kidney problems or an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health concerns over the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

The elevated gross alpha and uranium levels are naturally occurring in the groundwater. The State has awarded technical assistance to the District and is funding an independent engineering firm to evaluate potential long-term solutions, including treatment and alternative water sources. The engineering evaluation is expected to be completed in November 2026 and will help identify the appropriate corrective action.

For more information, please contact Cybil Luna, Staff Analyst, at 559-600-4481 or cluna@fresnocountyca.gov.

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

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

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