

Response to Drinking Water Notification

Central Coast Water Board Agricultural Order R3-2017-0002 requires growers and landowners to test domestic wells. If the test results for any domestic well located on your enrolled parcel(s) are found to exceed the safe drinking water standard for nitrate, you must provide written notification to all persons who use the well to alert them that the water poses a human health risk due to nitrate contamination and that the water should not be used for drinking or cooking. You must also post a similar notice on the well and any spigots or other points of access. **This form is to confirm the action(s) you have taken to comply with these requirements and ensure safe drinking water. Please complete and return the attached form to the Central Coast Water Board at the address below within 30 days of learning of the nitrate exceedance.**

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| Ranch Name | |
| Irrigated Lands ID No. (AW) | |
| GeoTracker Ranch Global ID (AGL) | |
| Well ID (Well Name) | |
| Contact Person (Name and Phone) | |
| Responsibility (Farm Operator or Landowner) | |
| ACTIONS TAKEN (Check all that apply) | |
| | Notification – Provided written notification to all well users. You must also provide prompt written notification to any new well users in the future (e.g. new tenants) Date of notification: |
| | Posting - Posted notification signs on the contaminated well and any spigots or points of access. Date of posting: |
| | Bottled Water Supplied – Provided bottled water to all well users. Date started: |
| | Installed Treatment System – Installed drinking water treatment system capable of removing nitrate, such as reverse osmosis or ion exchange. Date of installation: |
| | None – No treatment or alternative water provided |
| | Other – Please describe |
| I certify under penalty of perjury that this document was prepared by me, or under my direction or supervision. To the best of my knowledge and belief, this document is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. | |
| Print Name: | |
| Signature: I have read and accept the above terms Date: | |

Return to:
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Mr. Corey Walsh
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Email form to Corey.Walsh@waterboards.ca.gov

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Notification Timeline:

- **24 Hours:** If a Discharger determines that water in any domestic well exceeds 10 mg/L of nitrate as N, the Discharger or third party must provide notice to the Central Coast Water Board within 24 hours of learning of the exceedance.
Contact: Corey Walsh at corey.walsh@waterboards.ca.gov or at (805) 542-4781;
- **10 days:** For domestic wells on a Discharger's farm/ranch that exceed 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of nitrate as N, the Discharger must provide written notification to the users within 10 days of learning of the exceedance.
- **30 days:** Discharger must post appropriate public health notification signage on the contaminated well and points of access.
- **30 days:** The Discharger must provide written confirmation of the notification to the Central Coast Water Board. Use the attached form.
- These notifications must be completed again even if already conducted in previous years, i.e. prior to 2017.
- A second notification is not required during 2017 fall sampling event unless new well users (e.g. tenants and employees) are notified.

For further information regarding nitrate in drinking water go to the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program website under the Grower Workshops and Resources section, For Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 Growers and select "Nitrate in Drinking Water" guidance which is available in English, Spanish and Chinese:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/index.shtml#resources