

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### SCE/Big Creek PH # 1 Water System has levels of Disinfection Byproducts Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system exceeds the drinking water standard for Disinfection Byproduct (DBPs) based on the current sampling. Although this 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.

Southern California Edison (SCE) routinely monitors for the presence of DPBs and other drinking water contaminants. Recent sampling shows that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). The MCL standard for HAA5 is 60 ug/L (parts per billion). The result from sampling on 8-3-17 is 110 ug/L. The average level of HAA5 from the last four sampling events is 103 ug/L.

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

No specific corrective actions are needed. You do not need to boil your water.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing DBPs in excess of the maximum limit over many years may experience liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems, and may have an increased cancer risk. These diseases, however are not caused solely by chemicals in drinking water, but result from many other factors. If you have specific concerns, please consult your doctor.

#### What happened? What was done?

To protect drinking water from disease-causing organism, or pathogens, chlorine based disinfectant is added to drinking water. Disinfection by products (DBPs) such as HAA5 and TTHM can form when water that is high in organic content is disinfected. A major challenge for SCE and all water systems, is how to control and limit risks from pathogens and simultaneously minimize DBP formation. Further, DBPs tend to be higher during periods of long detention times in storage tanks or reservoirs.

To address this issue, SCE has instituted maintenance activities to remove organic material buildup from the water storage tanks and re-implemented maintenance water main flushing. SCE is also scoping the replacement of one of the water storage tanks and is testing treatment plant modifications and operational changes.

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*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.*

#### 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.

**This notice is being sent to you by the SCE/Big Creek PH #1 water system.**