

# 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. Una copia de este aviso público traducida al español está disponible aquí: https://www.sce.com/customer-service/fags/catalina-island

#### MONITORING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY – SANTA CATALINA ISLAND

Our water system failed to fully monitor, or report as required for drinking water standards during the past 5 years (with one instance occurring in 2016), and therefore, was in violation of the regulations. Even though this failure was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. Between January 2019 and December 2023 (and once in 2016), we did not monitor for or properly report the constituents listed in the table below from all well sources in our system and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

Catalina Island's drinking water is tested routinely to ensure public safety, but 93 sampling events were not reported correctly or were missed. From 2016 through 2018, one constituent in 2016 was not sampled. After an investigation of the 93 sampling events, we concluded that 56 were indeed conducted, but laboratory analysis issues occurred and those results were not reported to the State as required by regulations. However, the unreported lab results show that the concentrations of the constituents were within drinking water standards. These results are documented in past Consumer Confidence Reports which can be found here: https://www.sce.com/customer-service/faqs/catalina-island

The remaining 37 sampling events were missed, so we cannot be sure of the concentration of those constituents at that time. Of those, 9 samples were missed from a well that has not been operational since 2018 and 4 were from a well that was not operational for most of 2023. However, the results from samples collected in previous and subsequent years complied with drinking water standards. The results of these samples can be found on the State Water Board Drinking Water Database located here: https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWW/ under water system number CA1910006.

### What should I do?

- The most recent water quality testing results comply with State & Federal drinking water standards.
- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The Table below shows a list of the constituent(s) we did not properly test for or report properly since 2016, how many samples we are required to take and how often, the dates samples should have been taken but were missed, the dates samples should have been taken but were not reported correctly, and the date when samples were most recently taken or will be taken.
- If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

Wells	Constituent	Required Sampling Frequency	Quarters/Years When Samples Should Have Been Taken, But Were Missed	Reported Correctly	When Samples Were or Will be Taken	
Quarry Seawater Well 1	Nitrate	Quarterly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2021, 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2022, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtrs. 2023	April 2024	
	Perchlorate	Annually	2019, 2021	2020, 2022, 2023	March 2024*	
	VOCs	Annually		2022	March 2024	
	Inorganic Chemicals	Annually		2022, 2023	March 2024	
	General Minerals	Annually		2022, 2023	March 2024	
	Secondary Standards	Annually		2022, 2023	March 2024	
	SOCs	Triennially		2020	March 2024	
	* Perchlorate sampled in March 2024, but did not meet method criteria set by DDW's minimum detection limit. Issue will be resolved.					
	Nitrate	Quarterly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2021, 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2022, 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2023	April 2024	
	Perchlorate	Annually	2019, 2021	2020, 2022, 2023	March 2024*	
	VOCs	Annually	2021	2022	March 2024*	
	Inorganic Chemicals <sup>1</sup>	Annually	2021	2022, 2023	March 2024*	
	General Minerals	Annually		2022	March 2024*	
	Secondary Standards <sup>2</sup>	Annually		2022, 2023	March 2024*	
	SOCs	Triennially		2020	March 2024*	
	Radiological <sup>3</sup>	Triennially	2023		To be Sampled in June 2024	
	<ul> <li>*Samples collected in March 2024, data will soon be reported to State Website.</li> <li>1. Cyanide and Mercury in 2021; all inorganic chemicals in 2022 and in 2023 (except for barium, mercury, and cyanide which were completed in 2023)</li> <li>2. All secondary standards in 2022 and aluminum, copper, manganese, silver and zinc in 2023</li> <li>3. Gross Alpha</li> </ul>					
Middle Ranch	Nitrate	Annually	2021 2	2022	March 2024	
Well 01A	Perchlorate	Triennially	2	2023	To be Sampled	

					in June 2024
	VOCs	Annually	2021		December 2023
	SOCs	Triennially		2021 (2020-2022 Period)	March 2024
	Nitrate	Annually	2021		March 2024
Middle Ranch Well 05A	VOCs	Annually	2021	2022	December 2023
	SOCs	Triennially		2020 (2020-2022 Period)	March 2024
	Nitrate	Annually	2021	2022	March 2024
Middle Ranch Well 06A	Perchlorate	Annually		2023	To be Sampled in June 2024
	Nitrate	Annually	2021		December 2023
Cottonwood	Perchlorate	Triennially		2023	To be Sampled
Well 1A	Asbestos	9 Years		2022 (2020-2022 Period)	in June 2024
	SOCs	Triennially		2020 (2020-2022 Period)	December 2023
	Nitrate	Annually	2021		December 2023
Cottonwood	Perchlorate	Triennially		2023	To be Sampled
Well 2	Asbestos	9 Years		2022 (2020-2022 Period)	in June 2024
	SOCs	Triennially		2020 (2020-2022 Period)	December 2023
	Nitrate	Annually	2021, 2023	2022	
	Perchlorate	Triennially	2023		To be Sampled in June 2024
Sweetwater	Asbestos	9 Years		2022 (2020-2022 Period)	
Canyon Well 1A (Only operational for 1st 4 months of 2023)	General Minerals	Triennially	2023		
	Secondary Standards <sup>1</sup>	Triennially	2023		
	1. Except for color, for				
	Nitrate Perchlorate	Annually Triennially	2021, 2023 2023		To be Sampled in June 2024
	Asbestos	9 Years	2023		
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Howlands	VOCs	Annually	2021, 2023		
Landing Well 1 (Not operational since 2018)	Inorganic Chemicals	Triennially	2023		
	General Minerals	Triennially	2023		
	Secondary Standards	Triennially	2023		
Howlands Landing Well 3R	Nitrate	Annually	2021	2023	March 2024
	Perchlorate	Triennially		2023	To be Sampled in June 2024
	VOCs	Annually	2021	2023	December 2023
	Radiological <sup>1</sup>	Quarterly	2023		To be Sampled in June 2024
	Inorganic Chemicals	Triennially		2023	December 2023
	General Minerals	Triennially		2023	December 2023
	Secondary Standards	Triennially		2023	December 2023
	SOCs 1. Missed gross alpha	Triennially in 2023.		2020 (2020-2022 Period)	March 2024

Whites Landing Well 1	Nitrate	Annually	2021		March 2024
	Perchlorate	Triennially		2023	To be Sampled
	Radiological <sup>1</sup>	9-Years	2016, 2023		in June 2024
	1. Missed gross alpha in 2023 and Radium 226 in 2016				
Toyon Canyon Well 3	Nitrate	Annually	2021		March 2024
	Inorganic	Triennially		2023	To be Sampled
	Chemicals <sup>1</sup>	5			in June 2024
	1. Missed Fluoride in 2023				
Blackjack Well 1	Nitrate	Annually	2021	2022	March 2024
	VOCs	Annually	2021	2022	December 2023
	morganie	Triennially		2023	To be Sampled
	Chemicals <sup>1</sup>				in June 2024
	1. Missed Fluoride in 2023				

The Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in question are Benzene; Carbon Tetrachloride; 1,2-Dichlorobenzene; 1,4-Dichlorobenzene; 1,1-Dichloroethane; 1,2-Dichloroethane; 1,1-Dichloroethylene; cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene; trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene; Dichloromethane; 1,2-Dichloropropane; 1,3-Dichloropropene; Ethylbenzene; Methyl-tert-butyl ether; Monochlorobenzene; Styrene; 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane; Tetrachloroethylene; Toluene; 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene; 1,1,1-Trichloroethane; 1,1,2-Trichloroethane; Trichloroethylene; Trichlorofluoromethane; 1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane; Vinyl Chloride; and Xylenes.

The Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOCs) in question are Lindane; alachlor; atrazine; bentazon; benzo(a)pyrene; chlordane; 2,4-D; dalapon; 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP); di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate; di(2 ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP); dinoseb; diquat; endothall; endrin; ethylene dibromide (EDB); glyphosate; heptachlor; heptachlor epoxide; hexachlorobenzene; hexachlorocyclopentadiene; methoxychlor; molinate; oxamyl; pentachlorophenol; picloram; polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); simazine; thiobencarb; toxaphene; 2,3,7,8-TCDD (Dioxin); 2,4,5-TP (Silvex); 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP).

The Inorganic Chemicals in question are Aluminum, Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cyanide, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, and Thallium.

The General Minerals in question are Total hardness, Calcium, Magnesium, Sodium, Potassium, Total Alkalinity, Hydroxide as Calcium Carbonate, Carbonate, Bicarbonate, and pH.

The Secondary Standards in question are Chloride, Color, Copper, Foaming Agents, Iron, Manganese, Odor, Silver, Conductivity, Sulfate, Total Dissolved Solids, Turbidity, and Zinc.

#### What happened? What is being done?

- SCE personnel are working closely with the State Water Board and contract laboratory to resolve data reporting issues.
- Additional internal controls such as monthly documented verifications by two separate SCE personnel are being implemented to ensure that the necessary drinking water quality samples are collected, analyzed, and reported to the State as required.
- By July 1, 2024 any samples that were missing and were not already taken recently will be collected, analyzed, and reported to the State Water Board.
- On-going training will be provided to SCE staff responsible for overseeing compliance with monitoring and reporting requirements and to staff responsible for sample collection.

• For more information, please contact John (Jay Martin) at 310-510-4372 or john.martin@sce.com.

Please share this information with 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 must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOL: must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENT 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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