

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## City of Patterson Has Levels of Hexavalent Chromium Above the Drinking Water Standard

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

This is not an emergency. As our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results received between May 6, 2025, and February 3, 2026, showed hexavalent chromium levels of 0.021 mg/L or 21 per billion (ppb). This is above the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 0.010 milligrams per liter or 10 ppb. We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board to address this exceedance and comply with the MCL within a compliance timeline.

### What should you do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium more than the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

### What happened? What is being done?

- A new Hexavalent Chromium MCL of 10 ppb became effective October 1, 2024.
- Hexavalent chromium was detected at levels that exceed the MCL. However, a water system of our size is not considered in violation of the Hexavalent Chromium MCL until after October 1, 2027.
- We have completed a Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plan that has been approved by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board to address this exceedance and comply with the MCL. Specifically, the City of Patterson will undertake a feasibility study to evaluate potential treatment options and identify the most appropriate solutions based on City of Patterson's specific site conditions. This evaluation may also include field and pilot testing to support the selection of a final approach. Additionally, the City has applied for financial assistance through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and has been assigned a project manager to guide us through the funding process.
- We anticipate resolving the problem by November 2027.

For more information, please contact Maria Encinas at (209) 895-8060 or via email at [mencinas@pattersonca.gov](mailto:mencinas@pattersonca.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*

**If you are a school or school system, the owner or operator of residential rental property, or the owner or operator of a business property, then you are legally required to notify the following people of the information in this notice within ten days of your receipt of this notice:**

- **SCHOOLS:** You must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): You must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** You must notify employees of businesses located on the property.
- If you fail to notify the above people, you may be civilly liable up to \$1,000 per day for each day that you fail to notify them. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 116450, subd. (g); 116650, subd. (e).)

