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Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District Information on Hexavalent Chromium Levels that Exceed the Drinking Water Standard

This is **NOT** an emergency - This is an Update

This is an update regarding the District's work on hexavalent chromium compliance. We are providing this update in reference to the notice distributed by the District on December 19, 2025. We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board to address this exceedance and comply with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) within a compliance timeline of October 1, 2027.

What is Chromium?

- Chromium is a transition metal and is the 24th element of the periodic table.
- Chromium is found in rocks, vegetation, animals, soil, and volcanic dust.
- While there are several states of chromium, trivalent chromium and hexavalent chromium are the most prevalent.

What Are the Regulations Around Hexavalent Chromium?

- On October 1, 2024, the State of California implemented a new MCL for hexavalent chromium at 10 parts per billion (ppb).
 - The State's previous hexavalent chromium MCL was 50 ppb.
 - 10 ppb is equal to approximately 10 drops in an Olympic-sized pool.
- California is the first and only state to set a drinking water standard for naturally occurring hexavalent chromium.

What Should I 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 in excess of 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 is HVLCSO Doing to Comply with This New Regulation?

- A water system of our size is **not considered in violation of the Hexavalent Chromium MCL until after October 1, 2027.**
- On December 18, 2025, the District completed a Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plan that was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board.
- We are conducting a compliance study to evaluate the technical, operational, and financial feasibility of multiple treatment and blending strategies. This may also include performing field and pilot tests to identify the best solution.



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- **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 shall 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).)

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