

LCR Failure to Install Corrosion Control Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Chemawa Indian School Water Contains High Levels of Copper

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for copper. The tests show copper levels in the water above the limit, or "action level," so we are required to install corrosion control treatment. This treatment helps prevent copper in the pipes from dissolving into the water. Corrosion control should have been installed by June 30, 2018, but installation is incomplete.

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to copper:

- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for copper.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing copper from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Typically, copper enters water supplies by leaching from copper pipes and plumbing components. New copper pipes and plumbing components may increase leaching.

Short term exposure; Gastrointestinal distress; Long term exposure: Liver or kidney damage; People with Wilsons Disease should consult their personal doctor if the amount of copper in their water exceeds the action level.

What is being done?

Chemawa is waiting for funding from the BIA. Corrosion control will be in place when funding is secured. As of now the date is unknown.

For more information, please contact Shane Parlette at 503-399-5721 ext.1235.

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.

This notice is being sent to you by Chemawa Indian School Federal Water System

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