

NITRATE MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL EXCEEDANCE
DRINKING WATER WARNING

**MONTEZUMA MUNICIPAL UTILITY
HAS HIGH LEVELS OF NITRATE**

**DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD
OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA**

Drinking water sample collected on 07/10/2024, showed a Nitrate level of **12.4 mg/l** respectively. The sample is above the nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 10 mg/L. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.* Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately. If you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may also wish to consult you doctor.
- Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. **Bottled water or another alternate source of water must be provided until the nitrate levels meet the acceptable standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.

What Happened? What is being done? *Explain below.*

We are currently in the engineering/funding phase of installing a reverse osmosis water treatment system. We anticipate the project will be complete in March 2026.

We anticipate resolving the problem within _____ **Next Testing Period** _____
estimated time frame

For more information, please contact the public water system:

Contact Name: Cody Shoopman Phone: 765-245-2759

More information is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

**Please share this information with all other people who are drinking 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 5261005 PWS Name: Montezuma Municipal Utility

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For Violation: Nitrate MCL

Occurring in: 3rd Quarter 2024

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that the public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadline in 327 IAC 8-2.1-7

Name & Signature of System Representative: Cody Shoopman Date: 07/23/2024