

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Pinedale Estates Domestic Water Improvement District (PEDWID) Has Levels of Selenium Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although 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 continue to monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On March 11th, 2022, we received notice that the sample collected on February 9th, 2022, showed that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Selenium. The standard for Selenium is 0.05 Mg/L. The average level of Selenium over the last year has been 0.36 Mg/L.

### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. **You do not need to** boil your **water** or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. Selenium is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water containing selenium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair or fingernail losses, numbness in fingers or toes, or problems with their circulation.

### What is being done?

PEDWID's initial pilot well was found to have multiple naturally occurring contaminants over the MCL set by ADEQ. ADEQ has provided PEDWID with a grant from their Small Water System Fund to drill two additional pilot wells to analyze drill cuttings for coal and pyrite (source of contamination in aquifer) and to pull grab samples for water quality analysis. Drilling is set to begin at the first site this month (March 2022)

For more information, please contact Michael Eckert at 505-331-3709 or [smeckert@q.com](mailto:smeckert@q.com) *\*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.\**

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