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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Chemical Monitoring

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany has three water wells aboard the installation that are used on a rotating basis, with only one well providing drinking water at any given time.

Our water system violated a few drinking water standards during the 2016 calendar year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the 2016 calendar year, we did not monitor or test Source Well No. 3 for Nitrate or Radiological contaminants. Therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality during of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the past years, how often we are supposed to sample for this contaminant and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when the samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were taken
Nitrate	Annually	0	2016	April 6, 2017
Radiological*	Once every Nine years	0	2016	July 11, 2017

What Happened?

On March 23, 2015, Well No. 3 was taken out of service for scheduled maintenance. It was brought back into service on

May 9, 2016. During the time Well No. 3 was out of service, the other two wells were used in rotation to provide drinking water to the installation. Our other two wells met all required government drinking water standards during 2016 testing; however, because we did not sample Well No. 3 before bringing it back online, we were found non-compliant by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division.

Historically we have always achieved compliance for Nitrates and Radiological sampling. This is the first notice of non-compliance we have received for our drinking water system.

All three wells were sampled in calendar years 2017 and 2018 and are in compliance with state drinking water standards. These three wells draw from the same aquifer.

What is being done?

As part of our lessons learned, this office updated its Standard Operating Procedures to ensure monitoring is kept up-to-date on all wells, including after offline periods of maintenance.

For more information:

Please call the Installation and Environment Division, Environmental Branch at 229-639-8934.

Please share this information with other people who use this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, housing, barracks, Child Development Center, and tenant organizations). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing it by hand or mail.

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*Radiological contaminants include gross alpha and combined radium (RA-226 and RA-228)