



Sanitary Survey Tier 2 Violation Notification FAQs

Why are City water customers receiving a public notice?

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) requires water systems to provide their customers with notice of violations of state regulations. CDPHE notified the City of a Tier 2 Violation on November 8, 2019 and the City is required to notify customers by December 8, 2019. The City's Tier 2 violation relates to missing documentation for two water tank inspections in 2016.

Does the notification mean that the City's water isn't safe to drink?

There were no adverse health effects identified as a result of the Tier 2 Violation. The Violation relates to missing inspection reports for two of the City's four drinking water storage tanks during the fourth quarter of 2016. The City is confident that the inspections occurred, but has not been able to locate the associated documentation. Water treatment standards were met during this time period and to the present. Required inspection reports for the periods before and after the violation are on file. CDPHE is requiring public notification related to the missing 2016 inspection reports, but is not requiring any public action.

What is the City doing to make sure this issue doesn't happen again?

CDPHE introduced quarterly tank inspection requirements in 2016. The City's standard operating procedures and documentation practices have evolved since 2016 and documentation for all required inspections after the fourth quarter of 2016 was presented. The City is reviewing its practices to ensure that requirements are consistently met going forward.

What is a Sanitary Survey?

The City owns and operates its water system under a permit from the CDPHE. CDPHE is responsible for implementing provisions of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act including establishing and enforcing regulations. Every three years, CDPHE conducts an on-site inspection called a Sanitary Survey where they visit the City's facilities and review records. CDPHE conducted the most recent Sanitary Survey in July 2019 and contacted the City regarding recommended and required actions on November 8, 2019.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/drinking-water-sanitary-surveys>



Where can I learn more about the City's drinking water?

The City's 2019 Consumer Confidence Report is available at <https://www.cityoflafayette.com/DocumentCenter/View/24706/2019-Water-Quality-Report-CCR> and includes detailed information about where our water comes from, how it is treated, contaminant monitoring data, and other related information. The report also includes information about contaminant monitoring that the City performs that is above and beyond regulatory requirements. The report is updated annually.

Were there other issues identified during the Sanitary Survey?

The 2016 tank inspection documentation issue was the only finding identified by CDPHE to be a Tier 2 Violation requiring public notice within 30 days. No Tier 1 violations requiring immediate notification were identified. The City is currently reviewing other lower tier findings from the survey and will comply with any associated notification requirements as part of the annual Consumer Confidence Report in June 2020.

