

City of Nampa Waterworks Division

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Belmont Heights water system has levels of uranium above drinking water standards.

Dear Customer,

You are being sent this letter under provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Continued testing in the Belmont Heights water system indicates naturally occurring uranium at levels slightly in excess of federal drinking water standards. As a customer, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what is being done to correct this situation.

Your water is routinely monitored for the presence of potential contaminants. Test results received over the past year show that the Belmont Heights water system exceeds the federal standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for uranium. The MCL is at a level at which no known health effects occur.

A new federal standard of 30 ppb (parts per billion) for uranium became effective January 2004. The level of uranium recorded in the Belmont Heights system over the third quarter 2009 was 31 ppb. This level does not pose an urgent health risk. Uranium is a naturally occurring radionuclide, occasionally found in groundwater as a result of the geology of the western United States.

You can continue using the water. If using this water did pose an urgent health risk, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer and kidney toxicity. If you have individual health concerns, please discuss them with your doctor.

In October of 2008, the City of Nampa took over the operations of the Belmont Heights water system. As a result, the City of Nampa will be supplying water for your domestic use. The City of Nampa has been in negotiations to acquire a particular site for the booster station that will service the Belmont Heights area. These negotiations have not resulted in the City acquiring the proposed site; therefore the City is now looking for another suitable site. This delay in acquiring a site will postpone the completion of the booster station until around the end of 2010. The City has received approval by the Department of Environmental Quality for a time extension to July of 2010 and will be requesting an additional extension to December of 2010.

The City of Nampa will continue to take quarterly uranium samples as has been done in the past. You will receive updates every three months.

For additional information regarding acquisition, contact City of Nampa Public Works Department at (208) 468-5409. For information regarding uranium results, contact City of Nampa Waterworks Division at (208) 468-5860.

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