



Nitrate

Public Health Advisory Packet

Instructions for water systems

If you have nitrate sample results above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L), you must notify your customers within 24-hours after receiving the sample results. We developed this packet to help you respond when nitrate levels in your water supply exceed 10 mg/L.

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Door Hanger (English and Spanish)	331-259-2
News Release Template: Announcing the Nitrate Advisory	331-259-3
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Public Notice Certification Form: Nitrate MCL Violation	331-248

Publications	DOH Pub.
<i>Nitrate in Drinking Water Questions & Answers</i> (English)	331-214
<i>Nitrate in Drinking Water Questions & Answers</i> (Spanish)	331-214s
<i>Nitrate Sampling Procedure Brochure</i>	331-222
<i>Office of Drinking Water authority over operators and water systems</i> Fact Sheet	331-449
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Public Notification Templates and Forms

Page 2 has information and instructions on using the nitrate public notification templates and forms.



HELPING TO ENSURE SAFE AND RELIABLE DRINKING WATER

Templates and forms

Public Notification: You can choose from two templates to provide public notice to your customers.

- **Door Hanger** (331-259-2): English on one-side and Spanish on the other.
 - This public notice is a quick way to inform customers of contamination in the water. It includes precautions they can take to protect themselves.
 - You can get door hangers from local health departments and our regional offices.
- **Warning to Drinking Water Customers:** English (331-259-5) and Spanish (331-259-6). This public notice provides detailed information about health effects and instructions for your customers.

Public Notice Certification Form Nitrate MCL Violation (331-248): You must complete this form and mail it to our regional office within 10 days after notifying your customers about a MCL violation. You must also send us a copy of the public notice you provided to your customers.

News Releases: These templates have sample information we recommend you include in a news release. If you need help contacting the media, contact your regional office.

- **Announcing Nitrate Advisory** (331-259-3): Notifies your customers of a nitrate advisory.
- **Rescinding Nitrate Advisory** (331-259-4): Notifies your customers the nitrate advisory is over.

For more information

Contact our regional office:

Eastern Region: Spokane Valley (509) 329-2100

Northwest Region: Kent (253) 395-6750

Southwest Region: Tumwater (360) 236-3030



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