

DRINKING WATER NOTICE  
*(Please See Board Chair Comment at End of Letter)*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Black Canyon City Water Improvement District (BCCWID) Failed to Comply With the  
Established Corrective Action Plan and Schedule Identification of a Significant Deficiency

A certified letter received from the AZ Dept. of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) dated February 19, 2010 state they performed a file review on December 2, 2009 and identified the following violation/deficiency for failing to provide a Tier 2 Public Notice as soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after the system learns of a violation. The violation was: Failure of a ground water system using chemical disinfectant, serving fewer than 10,000 persons, to collect one total trihalomethane (TTHM) water sample and one haloacetic (HAA5) water sample per year per treatment plant during the month of warmest water temperature for the calendar year **2008**. Because of the high potential for contamination of our wells by these deficiencies, ADEQ considered this a “significant deficiency” and directed us to correct the problem. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation. As required by EPA’s Ground Water Rules, we worked with ADEQ to develop a plan to correct this deficiency. However, we failed to implement this corrective action plan within the established deadline and have violated a requirement of the Ground Water Rules.

What Does This Mean?

**This is NOT an emergency.** If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

This reporting deficiency had the potential to cause source water contamination by failing to monitor and perform the annual test for the TTHM and HAA5 for the calendar year **2008**. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water MAY contain disease-carrying organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps and associated headaches. Failure to correct the deficiency according to the established schedule may have risked fecal contamination in our source water. However, there were NO deficiencies in 2009 and we are committed to correcting this reporting deficiency and any other deficiencies to eliminate all contamination threats.

What Should I Do?

There is nothing you need to do unless you have a compromised immune system, have an infant or are elderly. These people may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health-care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

**You do NOT need to boil your water or take corrective actions.**

## What Is Being Done?

Since being informed of this reporting deficiency, we have been conducting the regular testing of our source water. It is impossible to take the TTHM and HAA5 water samples for 2008. However, to lessen your concerns, the 2007 samples, as reported to ADEQ, were well below the allowable limits and the 2009 water samples, also reported to ADEQ, were also well below the allowable limits. A schedule of the monthly, quarterly and annual reports required by ADEQ have been charted and are being checked on a regular basis to help eliminate the possibility of an oversight in the future. The 2010 samples are scheduled to be taken in June and upon receipt of the test results from the lab will be reported, as required, to ADEQ.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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*Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (ex: people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, restaurants or other businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by:

Black Canyon City Water Improvement District  
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P. O. Box 1007  
Black Canyon City, AZ 85324

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010

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*BCCWID Chair comment (not placed on ADEQ required mailing):*

*As a Board member and water user I consider this required letter to be totally inappropriate to rectify a minor reporting error that went unnoticed by ADEQ for close to two years. However its mailing was required by ADEQ or the reporting violation would be unresolved and might have led to ADEQ shutting down of our water system. Why do I think this required letter is inappropriate? One example of several problems with this letter would be their mention of "fecal contamination" of our water supply. That is not even remotely possible. ADEQ requires monthly reporting of contaminants. In the past ten years of operation the District has never had a failed MONTHLY sample. As their letter says, "**This is NOT an emergency**" even though some of their wording seems chosen to create the impression of one.*