

Well in use during these hot days

Monday, August 20th, 2012

Just a reminder that during the hot days, usually when the temperature goes into the 80's for several days, we turn on the well. We're blending with our other sources and expect to keep within the federal range for arsenic. When the temperature went above 90 we used more well water and calculations show us at about 13 ppb. (the standard is 10 ppb) When the weather cools to around 75 or less we expect to be able to meet our needs with our regular sources (no well). If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call Doug at 715-3805

Rate Change, Error in implementation for July 2012 billing

Saturday, July 21st, 2012

There was a problem in implementing the Rate Change approved by the WWA Board in July. The bill you received in July that covers the May/June use period will be recalculated using the old rate structure. Your September bill will reflect either a credit or a debit depending on your use in July and August. Questions? Call our book keeper Sheila at 463-5270

Arsenic Pilot Study Summary Report

Monday, April 30th, 2012

From Westside's consulting engineer, Northwest Water Systems. This summary reviews the data from the pilot study and makes recommendations for follow up actions. Link:  
<http://www.westsidewater.org/docs/WestsideArsenicPilotStudySummaryRecommendations.pdf>

January Storm: update Jan 22nd

Sunday, January 22nd, 2012

PSE has effected repairs and the supply pumps are working to fill the reservoirs. Assuming no other problems we should have a full tank within a couple of days. Please be reminded that the well is now supplying the water to the reservoirs. The well has approximately 31 parts per billion arsenic. The federal standard is 10 ppb. Washington State Dept of Health advises users to find an alternate supply of drinking water if the level of 50 ppb is exceeded. Federal Safe Drinking Water standards allow the 10 ppb standard to be exceeded 25% of the time on an annual basis.

Storm of January 2012: Why are the signs up?

Saturday, January 21st, 2012

Westside Water fared well until the ice storm hit Thursday evening. Trees and branches fell in many places along the service road leading to the Canyon Pump Station. Much damage was also done to the water lines supplying the station. Most significantly, a power line was broken that serves the pump station. No water has pumped since late Thursday night.

We expected PSE to be able to effect repairs to the line today (Saturday). They were unable to do so but expect to have a crew working on it tomorrow. When the signs are removed you can relax and know that the reservoirs are filling.

Meanwhile, the water stored in the reservoirs is decreasing. As of 9:30 pm Saturday we have about 1/2 of our normal stored amount. That equals 125,000 gallons. System users are consuming about 40,000 gallons per

day so we have at least a couple of days before we run out. Please be careful with your water use and, most importantly, report any leaks to the system Operator/Manager. (206-715-3805)

The WWA Board is asking people to be especially conservation minded during this time. Signs have been posted and a message was left on the WWA telephone explaining the situation.

We will be using the well to resupply the reservoirs until repairs are effected on the supply lines. We expect those repairs to be made by Tuesday of next week.

Please be reminded that the well contains 30 parts per billion arsenic. WWA's use of the well is within federal standards as long as it doesn't exceed the 10 parts per billion standard more than 25% of the time. Since the well is only used during emergencies and as a seasonal source in the summer the safe drinking water standard is met. However, if you are concerned about drinking water containing arsenic at the 30 ppb level, you are advised to purchase drinking water while the well is on.

If you have any questions, please contact the system Manager, Doug Dolstad at 206-715-3805

Thanks for your patience during this time.