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Dear Member:

Belmont Water Corporation (BWC) is required by the *California Department of Public Health (CDPH)* to collect routine samples from the drinking water delivered to the members. One of the parameters for which the samples are analyzed is nitrate. Water sample results for BWC water indicate the presence of nitrate at a level of 32 mg/L. While this level is far below the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 45 mg/L, BWC is urging members to use caution especially those sensitive to nitrate. Nitrate in drinking water above the MCL is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old, for women who are pregnant and/or breastfeeding and other sensitive individuals. More information on nitrates can be found at the CDPH website by [clicking here](#).

Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems and run-off). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year.

BWC is continuing to test the drinking water for nitrate on an annual basis and will let members know immediately if the drinking water MCL for nitrate is exceeded.

For more information, please contact Mike Gerosa at [559.287.6125](tel:559.287.6125) or michaelgerosa@comcast.net. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

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