



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Services



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WATER QUALITY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PLAN

Name of Utility: _____

Physical Location/Address: _____

The following persons have been designated to implement the plan upon notification by the State Department of Health Services that an imminent danger to the health of the water users exists:

Water Utility: Contact Name & Title	Email Address	Telephone		
		Day	Evening	Cell

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The implementation of the plan will be carried out with the following State and County Health Department personnel:

State & County Health Departments: Contact Name & Title	Telephone	
	Day	Evening
1. Kurt Souza , Regional Engineer California Department of Health Services	(805) 566-1326	(805) 684-0846
2. _____		
3. Rick Merrifield , Director Santa Barbara County EHD	(805) 681-4934	(Same)

4. If the above personnel cannot be reached, contact:

Office of Emergency Services Warning Center (24 hrs)	(800) 852-7550 or (916) 845-8911
When reporting a water quality emergency to the Warning Center, please ask for the California Department of Health Services – Drinking Water Program Duty Officer.	

NOTIFICATION PLAN

Attach a written description of the method or combination of methods to be used (radio, television, door-to-door, sound truck, etc.) **to notify customers in an emergency.** For each section of your plan give an estimate of the time required, necessary personnel, estimated coverage, etc. Consideration must be given to special organizations (such as schools), non-English speaking groups, and outlying water users. Ensure that the notification procedures you describe are practical and that you will be able to actually implement them in the vent of an emergency. Examples of notification plans are attached for large, medium and small communities.

Report prepared by:

 Signature and Title

 Date

PLAN I (Medium Community)

During regular working hours our people will contact the news media at television station KXYZ to broadcast the necessary warning. The local radio stations will also be contacted. The television and radio personnel are available at all hours. As a follow-up measure, we will also contact the Daily Bee, a local newspaper that serves both Ourtown and Hometown.

The warnings will be issued in both English and Spanish to cover all members of the community. Outlying areas of the water service area (such as Isolated Canyon and Lonesome Mountain subdivisions) will also be notified by sound truck and/or handbill distributed to their respective areas. Both of these areas are very small and this can be done quite quickly.

A special telephone answering service can also be quickly set up at the utility headquarters (using the regular company numbers) to answer questions that will come in from consumers. Questions are anticipated, especially from the Hometown area, because that area is served by three different water companies. A map will be available to the telephone answering personnel to determine the water company serving the caller.

It is anticipated that the time for notification to the television and radio audiences will be very short. The areas served by handbill and sound truck will also be notified within an hour. For notification to be issued in other than normal hours, the same media will be contacted and an announcement will be scheduled for as long as is necessary. A sound truck(s) will be used in the early morning hours to quickly alert the people not listening to their radio or television.

PLAN II (Small Community)

Our community is very small and the most efficient means of notification will be both sound truck and handbill. It is estimated that the entire service area can be covered in less than three hours.

PLAN III (Large Community)

The same plan as implemented in Plan I should be used here with the exceptions noted. All the news media will be contacted in the entire metropolitan area. This includes all television and radio stations and all local and general area newspapers. Maps have been prepared to be distributed to the media to locate the boundaries of the water company. This system is large enough that it may only be necessary to notify some of the water users. This information will be transmitted to the media and an answering service at the water company will respond to consumers' calls. Unless the problems are limited to isolated areas it is unreasonable to assume that contact can be made through sound truck or handbill.