

# PUBLIC NOTICE

PWSID# OK2001801

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### WELCH PWA Has levels of Radionuclides above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

*We routinely monitor for presence of drinking water contaminants. Averaging results for a four calendar quarter period shows that our system's average levels are as follows:*

Sample Site	Analyte	Twelve Month Period	Running Annual Average
Welch WTP (TP001)	Combined Radium (-226 & -228)	July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	8 pCi/L
Welch WTP (TP001)	Combined Radium (-226 & -228)	January 1, 2016 to December 1, 2016	8 pCi/L

*Exceeding the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) is a violation. The standard for Combined Radium (-226 & -228) is 5 pCi/L.*

**What should I do?** You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

**What does this mean?** There is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. People who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**What happened?** Radium is a naturally occurring element in some rock formations. As ground water passes through these formations, some radium is released into the water.

**What is being done?** Testing will begin soon to determine what zones in our wells that may be releasing the radium into the water. Work will be done to isolate these zones. The Town of Welch is awaiting release of grant money for this work.

Please share this information with all the people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this Public Notice directly, (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this Public Notice in a public place of distributing copies by hand or by mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Welch PWA, PWSID No. OK2001801.

For more information, please contact: Mr. Winston McKeon, Mayor at PO Box 277, Welch, OK 74369. Or 918-788-3616.

Signed: Winston McKeon Date: 3-10-17

5pm  
Apr. 17  
April 22 - Spring Clean Up Day  
17 - Closed Circuit System - 7-14 days