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Fuel Spill Update

Dear SLCWD Customer:

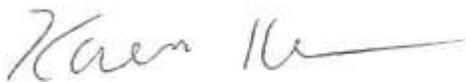
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As you likely know, on or about May 5th, a buried home heating oil tank leaked an unknown quantity of oil into Lake Serena. The District stopped using the lake intake pumps on that date and began using the backup well source to provide the Community's drinking water. Multiple samples of the finished water were tested for petroleum hydrocarbons and all results were non-detect. Daily laboratory testing of the raw water at the intake pipe was done between May 10th and June 7th, again all results were non-detect. The District resumed using the lake intake on May 26th and twice monthly sampling of the untreated lake water will continue.

Sampling of the soil and/or near-surface ground water adjacent to the site of the spill was completed on May 12th, 19th and 20th; all 57 samples tested positive for hydrocarbons at varying levels and one surface water sample, located inside the inner-most floating boom, also tested positive. A detailed report of the sampling and recommendations for the cleanup of the affected property will be submitted to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board no later than June 30, 2016.

While the tank and remaining oil was removed in mid-May, it is possible the remainder of the site remediation effort will not occur until late summer or early fall due to high groundwater levels. Until the cleanup is complete, the Remediation Contractor (H2O Environmental) will monitor the site on a regular basis and the previously mentioned floating booms will remain in Lake Serena.

The District will post information on the website as it becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this incident, please contact us.



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