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TO: Water Customer of the Nipomo Community Services District

SUBJECT: Change in Treatment

The Nipomo Community Services District is preparing to change its method of disinfection in the water supply you are receiving. Beginning on September 1st, the secondary disinfectant in the District's water supply will be switched from chlorine to chloramine. This is being done to reduce the potential for formation of regulated disinfection byproducts in the District water supply and to maintain consistency with the supplemental water received from the City of Santa Maria.

Chloramines have been used for disinfection purposes for more than 90 years. Chloramines do not pose a health hazard to the general population. However, they can be a serious concern to individuals with kidney disease undergoing dialysis treatment on artificial kidney machines unless the chloramines are reduced to acceptable levels. We have been working with State and County Health Departments to ensure that everyone involved with the treatment of dialysis patients is alerted and that proper precautions are taken. If you are a dialysis patient receiving dialysis treatment in your home, please contact your dialysis facility.

Chloramines are toxic to fish and aquatic life. Before utilizing NCS D water for pet fish or aquatic life, local pet or fish shops should be contacted to determine that best measures to remove chloramines. Boiling or holding the water for a period of time is not a reliable procedure for reducing chloramines, which are able to persist much longer than chlorine.

The attached Chloramines Fact Sheet provides some additional information. If you have any questions on this change in our water treatment, please contact the District at (805) 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov.