

**Janice Zinky - Comment re: Communities That Rely on Contaminated Groundwater**

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Hello Janice,

I was forwarded a copy of the document *DRAFT REPORT TO LEGISLATURE: COMMUNITITIES THAT RELY ON CONTAMINATED GROUNDWATER* today by a colleague who noticed my agency was listed in the report. On page 182 of appendix 8 it states that Mesa Consolidated Water District source #3010004-06 (our well no. 5) was contaminated with bromate. The most recent date for the samples used in this report was 6/17/2008 with a result of 17.0 ug/L of bromate. This data is incorrect.

Page 7 of the document states: "This report only includes data from community PWS sources that were active from 2002-2010. Furthermore, the data analysis only considered water samples collected from two types of well sources:

Active Raw: Groundwater sampled directly from the well.

Active Untreated: Groundwater sampled at a point between the well and a treatment system"

None of Mesa's groundwater sources have ever had a detection for bromate. I confirmed this with Orange County Water District, who manages the groundwater basin in the area and conducts our source water monitoring. I contacted the laboratory that conducted the 2 analyses in question (MWH labs), and it was determined that the wrong PS code was entered for the samples when the lab was reporting, erroneously assigning the results to our well #5 in the CDPH database.

The laboratory project manager, Yolanda Martin, is writing a letter to Anthony Meeks of CDPH explaining the error and asking that the erroneous data be removed from the CDPH database. What steps can be taken on your end to ensure that this inaccurate data is not included in the final report?

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