

**NITRATE MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL EXCEEDANCE
DRINKING WATER WARNING**

Montezuma Municipal Utility
HAS HIGH LEVELS OF NITRATE

**DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD
OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA**

The drinking water sample collected on **07/07/2026** showed a Nitrate level of **14.6 mg/l**. This result is above the nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 10 mg/L. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.* Blue baby syndrome is indicated by blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately. If you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may also wish to consult your doctor.
- Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. **Bottled water or another alternate source of water must be provided until the nitrate levels meet the acceptable standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.

What Happened? What is being done? *The aquifer that our wells pull water from became contaminated with excess nitrates. We are within 30 days of completion of our new reverse osmosis water treatment plant. We are currently operating the new plant in a testing phase. The testing period will allow us to set the plant software parameters and monitor the water quality over a period of time before releasing the water to the town. The goal is to be pushing nitrate compliant water to the town in the next 30 days.*

We anticipate resolving the problem within the next 30 days.

For more information, please contact the public water system:

Contact Name: Gary Nuckols

Phone: (812) 208-2897

More information is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

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

Certification for the State of Indiana (IDEM)

PWSID#: IN5261005

PWS Name: Montezuma Municipal Utility

For Violation: Nitrate MCL

Occurring in: 2026

The public water system indicated above hereby affirms that the public notice has been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadline in 40 CFR 141.201 (as incorporated by reference at 327 IAC 8-2.7-1).

Name & Signature of System Representative: Gary Nuckols Date: 7/22/2026