

LAX Airport Operations

LAX Operations Advisory

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To all Airport Personnel, Tenants, and Operators:

Los Angeles International Airport's drinking water supplier, the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has recently announced their plan to expand their use of the drinking water disinfectant "chloramine" in reservoirs that may supply water here at LAX. By mid-May, 2013, the LADWP plans to transition from their use of chlorine to chloramine at the Stone Canyon Reservoir, which supplies drinking water to LAX and the surrounding communities, such as Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista, Westchester, and Marina Del Rey.

Chloramine is a disinfectant used in drinking water to kill potentially harmful bacteria, and is formed by mixing chlorine with ammonia. LADWP advised that people can safely drink water treated with chloramine as the digestive process neutralizes the chloramine well before it enters the bloodstream. However, businesses having very specific water quality requirements should review their current operations, and take steps to ensure their water supply is treated properly for chlorine and chloramine.

LADWP delivers water to all their customers in the City of Los Angeles, including LAX, that complies with all current water quality standards. In fact, this change is being made to ensure compliance with the new, more stringent disinfection byproduct standards. LADWP also advised LAWA that it may provide water disinfected with either chlorine or chloramine at any time due to their operational needs.

Please share this announcement with the personnel using water, or who are responsible for the quality and maintenance of the water supply at your facility. The web address below will take you to LADWP's water quality page containing Chloramine FAQs sheet. https://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/faces/ladwp/aboutus/a-water/a-w-waterquality/a-w-wq-factsheetsandbrochures

Here are a few helpful telephone numbers:

For specific questions regarding chloramine expansion please contact Fawwad Mohammad of LADWP at (213) 367-3196

For general water quality questions call LADWP Water Quality Customer Service Group at (213) 367-3182

For general LADWP customer service call (213) 342-5397.

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