

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 1977

COUNCIL APPROVES  
SENDING LETTER TO  
LEGISLATORS  
RELATIVE TO  
SETTING NEW  
DRINKING WATER  
STANDARDS FOR  
DIBROMOCHLORO-  
PROPANE (DBCP)

CC-28  
CC-183(a)

Council was apprised by staff that the California Department of Health Services (DHS) will be establishing a maximum contamination level (MCL) for DBCP in the near future. Presently, the State has established an Action Level (desirable level) on DBCP of 1.0 part per billion (ppb). Currently, all of the City wells are under 1.0 ppb. It is staff's understanding that the MCL being proposed is 0.1 ppb, which could affect 9 of 19 wells (47%), depending on the time of year.

The City of Lodi has the following three major concerns:

1. That there is a public comment period prior to the implementation of the new regulations;
2. That the City, as water purveyors, be given prior notice of when the new regulations will become effective; and
3. That the City, as water purveyors, be provided with scientific data used to validate any MCL being proposed.

Following discussion, on motion of Council Member Pinkerton, Snider second, Council approved forwarding letters to legislators relative to setting new drinking water standards for Dibromochloropropane (DBCP).



# CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager  
MEETING DATE: October 21, 1987  
AGENDA TITLE: Approve Forwarding Letter to Legislators Relative to Setting New Drinking Water Standards for Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor be requested to sign a letter to legislators relative to setting new drinking water standards for dibromochloropropane (DBCP).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The California Department of Health Services (DHS) will be establishing a maximum contamination level (MCL) for DBCP in the near future. Presently, the State has established an Action Level (desirable level) on DBCP of 1.0 part per billion (ppb). Currently, all of the City wells are under 1.0 ppb. It is our understanding that the MCL being proposed is 0.1 ppb, which could affect 9 of our 19 wells (47%), depending on the time of year.

The City of Lodi has the following three major concerns:

1. That there is a public comment period prior to the implementation of the new regulations;
2. That we as water purveyors be given prior notice of when the new regulations will become effective; and
3. That we as water purveyors be provided with scientific data used to validate any MCL being proposed.

The attached proposed letter covers these points.

It is also our intent to write other water purveyors which have problems with DBCP to encourage them to send similar letters to their legislators.

  
Jack L. Ronsko  
Public Works Director

JLR/ma  
Attachment  
cc: Water/Wastewater Superintendent

APPROVED:

  
THOMAS A. PETERSON, City Manager

FILE NO.

October , 1987

Senator and/or Assembly Representative

Dear :

SUBJECT: Establishment of Maximum Contamination Level for  
Dibromochloropropane (DBCP) in Drinking Water

It has come to our attention that the California Department of Health Services (DHS) may, in the near future, announce a Maximum Contamination Level (MCL) for DBCP of 0.1 parts per billion (ppb).

As a water purveyor, our concern is the same as it was in 1979 when DHS established an Action Level (AL) of 1.0 ppb; that of not having the opportunity to comment on or being formally notified of new regulations. In 1979, purveyors received the news of these changes through the news media. A reduction from 1.0 ppb to 0.1 ppb will cause extreme financial hardship on many water purveyors, their customers, and especially those who operate the smaller water systems.

We request that you review this matter and do what is possible to insure that the public has the opportunity for comment and input prior to the establishment of any MCL for DBCP. A public comment period would allow the affected public to review what, if any, scientific data was developed to legitimately establish any MCL for DBCP. It would also provide time for the water purveyor to determine the impact on their water system and how they can continue to provide potable water to their consumers.

We also ask that you do what is possible to insure that there is sufficient and proper scientific data to validate any MCL being proposed by DHS.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*J/w 10/21*

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October 23, 1987

Senator John Garamendi  
31 E. Channel Street, Room 408  
Stockton, CA 95202

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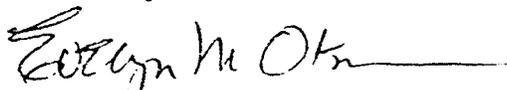
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Assemblyman Pat Johnston  
31 E. Channel Street, Room 306  
Stockton, CA 95202

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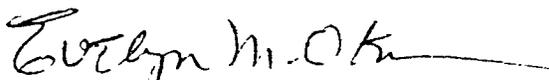
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Assemblyman Phil Isenberg  
1200 W. Tokay Street, Suite D  
Lodi, CA 95240

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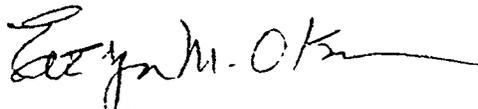
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