

**OASIS STATE PARK**  
**DRINKING WATER WARNING**  
**FOR PARENTS OF INFANTS 6 MONTHS AND YOUNGER**  
**DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS**  
**OLD OR USE IT TO MAKE FORMULA OR JUICE**

**High nitrate levels were detected on March 28, 2017.**

**Bottled water should be used for infants.**

**Adults and children older than 6 months can drink the water.**

On April 24, 2017, we received notice that the sample collected on March 28, 2017, showed a nitrate concentration in the drinking water of 13 MGL. This is above the nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level, of 10 MGL.

**Possible Health Effects**

*\*Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level 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. Nitrate is a concern for infants because they can't process nitrates in the same way adults can.

Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur in a child less than 6 months old, seek medical attention immediately. If you are pregnant or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

**Steps We Are Taking**

We are posting notices about the nitrate contaminant level exceedance in the Park to ensure that all possible users are made aware of the situation. We are researching treatment methods to remove nitrates from the drinking water and will implement those methods as soon as engineering design is completed.

We anticipate resolving the problem within the next 12 months. We will inform you when this problem has been corrected. For more information, please contact James Whary, Oasis State Park Manager, at 575-356-5331 or at the Oasis State Park office, 1891 Oasis Rd., Portales, 88130.

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