



# CITY OF MYRTLE CREEK

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Press Release 5-28-2019 6:55PM Diesel Fuel Contamination

**This is an update to the previous notice, the Drinking Water Advisory is now lifted. The Myrtle Creek drinking water in two rounds of testing is below Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Risk Based concentration levels for gasoline and diesel. Although taste and odor effects may linger in the system, the water is safe to use for all purposes.**

The EPA and Oregon Health Authority do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels for gasoline or diesel as a contaminant; however the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has Risk Based Concentration Levels (RBCL). Samples of the drinking water pulled from the distribution system show low level detects for both gasoline and diesel that were below the RBCL. In the interest of public safety, a second round of samples has been analyzed from the distribution system. **Test results for samples pulled Tuesday, May 28 have been analyzed and results for these samples are below the DEQ Risk Based Concentration Levels.**

Additional testing for 39 Volatile Organic Compounds and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons resulted in non-detects of any of those compounds.

All test results are available to the public at City Hall. Please call for an appointment if you wish to discuss the results.

Even if test results show acceptable low levels of gas or diesel from a health standpoint, the chemical qualities of both gas and diesel will lend to aromatic conditions that could linger as a taste or odor in our water system. If you find the taste or odor too strong do not use the water for drinking or cooking. The Public Works staff will continue to flush hydrants throughout the system to ensure the safety of our drinking water.