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**TRACY WATER SYSTEM UNDERGOES ANNUAL FREE CHLORINE FLUSH**

*Dialysis facilities advised to make necessary adjustments*

**Tracy, Calif.** – The City of Tracy is actively notifying local health care facilities, which treat patients undergoing hemodialysis, of upcoming changes to its drinking water disinfection practices. Beginning December 1, 2017, Tracy’s drinking water conveyance system will change from containing combined chlorine (chloramines) to free available chlorine. Chloramine is a Federal and State approved disinfectant used in drinking water to removed bacteria and viruses. Free chlorine is a slightly stronger disinfectant than chloramines, and can be used to remove more resistant organisms that may be found in the water distribution system. This switch in disinfection practices is a routine maintenance measure designed to keep water mains clean and free of potentially harmful bacteria throughout the year.

During this process, Tracy’s drinking water will continue to meet Federal and State standards for safe drinking water; however, health care facilities should make any necessary adjustments to dialysis equipment to compensate for this change in the City’s disinfection type. Dialysis patients should contact their physicians or dialysis centers if they have any questions or concerns.

Please contact David Carter, Water Production Superintendent, at (209) 831-6302 or Water Treatment Plant Operations at (209) 831-6301 if you have any questions.

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