



# Maricopa County

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## County to Evaluate Response from Rose Valley Wants to Work with Water Company to Resolve Questions

(Phoenix) – The Maricopa County Department of Environmental Services will evaluate the official response from the Rose Valley Water Company to the County's concerns over potential past violations of the Environmental Health Code.

On March 17th, the Department of Environmental Services issued a letter to the Rose Valley system outlining 130 potential violations. The problems are alleged to have occurred from February 2000 to January 2003. Rose Valley was given 30 days to file documentation demonstrating compliance, or that the violations did not occur. Last Thursday, Environmental Services granted Rose Valley a week's extension on the response. As of noon today (Thursday, April 24), the response had not yet arrived at Environmental Services, but is expected any time.

Most of the concerns involve self-monitoring and reporting procedures. Maricopa County plans to meet with Rose Valley to address the concerns after the initial evaluation of the response.

Maricopa County's Department of Environmental Services and Department of Public Health are working together on this issue. The first and foremost mission of both agencies is to protect the health and safety of the public, including the safety of the water supply. It is the obligation of the agencies to investigate any concerns or evidence of violations.

The County wants to assure the public that the water from the Rose Valley Water Company is safe, and that the company has made outstanding effort to make sure every precaution is taken to protect the water supply.

These potential violations were uncovered during the intensive investigation of the water supply looking for a source of a deadly amoeba that killed two young boys. No connection between the deaths and the violations is implied.

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