

CCSD Response to Lou Blanck 12-31-15 letter:

The Cambrian regrettably has seen fit to publish a scaremongering letter by Lou Blanck (“Health Issues and Water Quality, Dec. 31, 2015) claiming that Cambria’s drinking water is hazardous to health. The truth is that the water delivered to homes and businesses by the Cambria Community Services District meets all state and federal standards for safety.

Mr. Blanck asserts that Cambria tap water has a hazardous level of hexavalent chromium. In reality, the *highest* single sample reading, as reported in the CCSD’s most recent Consumer Confidence Report (for 2014), was 1.3 parts per billion (ppb), far below the state drinking water limit of 10 ppb. Also, the average of all samples taken for the report was below the level considered detectable.

Mr. Blanck also misrepresents the issue of lead in tap water. The Consumer Confidence Report notes that two out of 26 samples, taken at Cambria homes in 2013 and 2014, showed lead levels above the regulatory “action level” of 15 ppb. But this lead does not come from CCSD’s wells or delivery system. It comes from corrosion in household plumbing, especially in older plumbing systems that predate the use of lead-free solder. As a former CCSD Board member, Mr. Blanck should know this.

CCSD customers who want the facts about the safety of their water can read the Consumer Confidence Report on the CCSD website: Just click “Water Quality” on the home page.

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