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## **Chino Valley Drinking Water Samples Continue Showing No Evidence of Contamination from Fuel Release; Circle K to Revise Testing Frequency**

CHINO VALLEY, Ariz. (Feb. 28, 2025) – As regular testing continues to show no contamination of the drinking water aquifer following an accidental underground fuel release discovered early last year beneath its Chino Valley location, Circle K today announced plans to update its testing regimen.

The convenience store operator and its environmental contractors have been testing water samples taken from nearby private wells every week since late February 2024. In May of 2024, Circle K and its contractors began supplementing this with bi-weekly testing of four monitoring wells drilled closer to the store. This month, the company will change the frequency of all sampling and testing to once per month while continuing daily remediation using a soil vapor extraction system on site.

“Upon discovering this fuel release a year ago, we implemented an aggressive testing schedule out of an abundance of caution as we worked to understand the scope and impact of this accident,” said Morten Jensen, Vice President of Operations, Circle K Grand Canyon Business Unit. “We are revising this schedule after careful consideration and consultation with our environmental advisors. We remain confident that our team will be able to effectively detect and take appropriate steps to mitigate any contamination to ensure the continued safety of our Chino Valley neighbors and their drinking water.”

The company will continue to share its testing results with the Town of Chino Valley. Meanwhile, residents with any questions or concerns may also continue to contact Circle K Customer Care at (833) 685-7318.

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