Mandatory Language for a Maximum Contaminant Level Violation MCL, LRAA / TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HA.As)

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the COMBINED CONSUMERS SUD water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for haloacetic acids (group of five). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for haloacetic acids (group of five) at 0.060 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for haloacetic acids (group of five) indicates a compliance value in quarter three 2014 of 0.067 mg/L for DBP2-02 and 0.076 mg/ L for DBP2-oi.

Haloacetic acids are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing HAAS in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

***You do not need to use an alternative water supply.*** However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue:

***We have installed automatic flushes that come on when usage is low. Flushing our distribution lines more often and are in the process of a chlorine burn this month.***

***This is in regards to the violation from last quarter. Our single samples have all been under the Mcl., but this is based on a running annual average. We will be back in compliance by the third quarter of 2015. Your water is safe for consumption!!!!!***

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact:

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