

Notice of Drinking Water Arsenic Violation

----- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Cox Addition water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for ARSENIC at 0.010 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for ARSENIC indicates a level below the noted MCL.

Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

-----The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the COX ADDITION WATER SYSTEM TX1520106 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for FLUORIDE to be 4.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L) Based on running annual average (RAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a compliance value in quarter one 2017 of 5.0 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums. An alternate source of water should be provided to the affected population, which consists of children less than nine years old. The alternate water should be used for drinking and cooking only. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

These Violations occurred in QTR 1 of year 2017

Steps to Correct the Problem: We put in an application to purchased water from the City of Lubbock to blend with our well water and bring existing contaminant levels below the EPA's MCL. Our application was denied.

We are working with a Simply Aquatic Inc. of Kirbyville TX to correct this problem seeking an economical process to install at the well heads. Plans are to have this system in place soon. We are working to keep the cost to customers as low as possible. The initial cost estimates is \$720,000; this will necessarily cause an increase in your water bill. A forgivable loan for up to \$476,000 has been secured to help reduce the financial effect on the customer. If you have immediate concerns we recommend the use of an in-home filtration unit or Brita Carafe. "Lubbock city water" is available at our offices at 4406 9th St and 8008 Beaufort Ave., Lubbock TX for the effected population.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

Questions should be directed to:
Smith Management Service
P O Box 57
Shallowater TX 79363

or by calling Alan Wallace @ 806-773-0022

Your 2016 CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) has been posted and is available for viewing at

http://wallacewaterworks.com/images/Cox_Addition_2016_Consumer_Confidence_Report.pdf