

Mandatory Language for a Maximum Contaminant Level Violation

MCL, LRAA/TTHM

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the TRAVIS COUNTY WCID 18 TX2270083 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes to be 0.080 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 total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter three 2017 of 0.092 mg/L for DBP2-02 and 0.087 mg/L for DBP2-01.

Trihalomethanes 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 trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems and 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:

The District has hired Crossroads Utility Services, LLC to replace its former operating company. Crossroads Utility Services, LLC is established in the Central Texas area in its management and operation of water systems and treatment facilities. Crossroads assessed the treatment facility and immediately implemented several improvements regarding the manner in which the system was being operated. These changes have produced results that show a significant decline in TTHM levels. The District recently purchased its own TTHM testing equipment. The results listed in this notice are from the 3rd quarter of (July) 2017, which were from samples taken before the changeover occurred. While the current in-house tests are unofficial, the District expects its 4th quarter sample results will be below the State limit of 0.080 mg/L. Additional information can be obtained on the District website: tcwcid-18.org.

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 William Abshire at (512) 246-1400.

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