

Mandatory Language for a Maximum Contaminant Level Violation
MCL, AVERAGE / ARSENIC

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the CITY OF FLATONIA TX0750002 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 to be 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on running annual average (RAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at level above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for arsenic indicates a compliance value in quarter three 2018 of 0.011 mg/L for EP003.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the CL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, 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 action to address this issue:

The samples now being taken are in compliance, but the average for the year continues to be above 0.010 so the City is required to provide this notice. The averages will continue to decrease over the next few quarters as the above average samples are dropped out of the average.

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 Jack Pavlas at (361) 865-9213.

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