

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

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the CITY OF GLADEWATER water system 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 at 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a running annual average, 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 one 2012 of 0.082 mg/L for DS01.

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 City of Gladewater has gone through great lengths to correct the problem by constructing a new water treatment plant. By making the proper chemical addition/adjustment to the treatment system we are confident that this issues can and will be corrected immediately. However this parameter that is being test for is calculated on a 12 month running average so there for the system can and will be in compliance with all required standards before the averages catches-up with the reporting system.

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 Don Martin at (918)-658-4326.

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