

Central Washington County Water Supply Corporation

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Maximum Contaminant Level Violation MCL, LRAA/TTHM

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) has notified Central Washington County Water Supply Corporation (TX2390055) 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 one 2016 of 0.081mg/ L for DBP2-01, and 0.081 mg/L for DBP2-01 for the second quarter of 2016.

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.

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 email.

We are taking steps to address this issue.

The WSC has taken this issue very serious. We have undertaken a study to determine where in the system the Trihalomethanes are forming so that the appropriate corrective action may be taken. At this point, additional TTHM samples have been taken at each well site, at each water storage facility and at each sampling site that is also used by the State to render its findings. The results of those laboratory samples are under review at this time by our consultants.

It is interesting to note the samples that we had taken at sample site designated as DBP2-01 on May 25, 2016 differ significantly from those taken by the TCEQ on May 19, 2016. The State’s sample shows a result of 0.085 mg/L whereas the WSC’s sample shows a result of 0.072 mg/L, definitely below the US EPA guideline of 0.080 mg/L.

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While it is difficult to determine reasons for this disparity, we have brought this issue to the attention of the TCEQ and requested assistance with its evaluation. Additional sampling will be undertaken as required and remedial actions will be taken once all the data has been analyzed, Rest assured, the WSC will continue to take steps to ensure the quality of your drinking water. As additional steps are taken, we will continue to keep you informed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Tim Young or Patrick C. King by calling (877) 643-3472.

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