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

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the GREENWOOD WATER SYSTEM TX1650078 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 levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for arsenic indicates a compliance value for quarter two of 2018 of 0.0133 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL 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 actions to address this issue:

Greenwood Water System is replacing existing Reverse Osmosis membranes in order to optimize treatment of water system wells that have been known to show higher levels of arsenic. The system will continue to monitor arsenic levels to ensure adequate removal of contaminant.

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 Greenwood Water Corporation at (432) 687-2070.

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