

Public Notice

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified CITY OF CISCO TX0670001 that the drinking water being supplied to customers has 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 0.084 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:

Due to the low pumping capability of the temporary water treatment plant, the city is unable to properly flush distribution lines resulting in higher levels of trihalomethanes. With the construction of a new treatment plant, trihalomethanes are expected to return to normal levels. Until then, every effort will be made to attain levels within acceptable limits using additional disinfection methods. Cooler weather should aid in the drop of trihalomethanes as well.

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 Randy Johnson at 254-442-2671.