



CITY OF BAY CITY

Public Water System ID No. TX1610001

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Public Notice - Arsenic

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Bay City, 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 the 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 in quarter four 2021 of 0.011 mg/L for EP004, water plant at 6th St & Ave I.

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: Upon notification of the violation, the affected water plant was taken out of service and isolated from the water distribution system. A blending system has been installed at the water plant to pull water from other well sources to reduce arsenic levels. Standard Operating Procedures were reviewed and revised to include trigger points for optimum operation of the blending 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 the City of Bay City Public Works at 979-323-1659.

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