



# CITY OF BAY CITY

*Public Water System ID No. TX1610001*

1901 5th St Bay City, TX 77414

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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 one 2022 of 0.011 mg/L for EP004, water plant at 6<sup>th</sup> 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: The affected water plant remains out of service and isolated from the water distribution system. The City is conducting a water quality assessment with our engineer to determine a long-term solution for all existing and future water plants.

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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