

Mandatory Public Notification Language

Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the

City of Flatonia

water system 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 at 0.010 mg/L, 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 level of **.023** mg/L.

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 working to correct the problem.

The water that you are receiving from the City of Flatonia water system has not changed. You are receiving this notice because the federal government changed the rules concerning the amount of arsenic that is allowed in drinking water. The City of Flatonia has already obtained financing from the State of Texas to install the required filtration equipment to reduce the amount of arsenic in our drinking water. The City has contracted with a company to purchase the equipment. The required 90 day testing has been completed and reports are being submitted to TCEQ. The filtration equipment should be in operation sometime during the summer of 2009. The City is required by law to send you a notice every three months until the arsenic level is reduced.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, 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.

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