IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Our water system recently violated drinking water standards. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The City of Midwest City Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

Testing results we received for October 2013 through September 2014 show that system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for trihalomethanes. The standard or MCL for total trihalomethanes is 0.080 mg/l. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The level of total trihalomethanes averaged at our system’s locations was 0.084 mg/l.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do unless you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant or are elderly. These people may be at risk and should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What does this mean? This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? What is being done? The reason for the violation was due to the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) media being exhausted. Our normal replacement delivery was due in July, but was late arriving because of a late bid opening for the new fiscal year. The media has since been replaced and our latest testing should reflect lower TTHM results for the fourth quarter. Depending on how low our TTHM results will be for the fourth quarter we could return to compliance at that time.

For further information contact: ________________________________

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.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Midwest City.

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