

SOMERVELL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Somervell County Water District water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers has exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes at 0.080 milligrams per liter based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter one of 2016 of 0.181 mg/L for DBP2-01.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to 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 system, and may have and increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternate 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 the issue:

The Somervell County Water District has completed the installation of a nanofiltration unit to correct the trihalomethane problems in our drinking water. All water that is currently being distributed to all SCWD customers meets TCEQ and EPA standards with regard to trihalomethane.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Kevin Taylor at 254-897-4141.

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