

## **Mandatory Public Notification Language**

### **Notice of Drinking Water BENZENE Violation**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for BENZENE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for BENZENE at 0.005 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for BENZENE indicates a level of \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing benzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience anemia or a decrease in blood platelets, and may have an increased risk in 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:

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.

For further information contact:

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