



Superior System Program

Texas Commission on Environmental
Quality

Superior System Review

- ▶ TCEQ is currently reviewing all water systems which have the designation of “Superior Public Water System” to verify they meet the criteria listed in 30 TAC 290.47(a)
- ▶ The designation implies that the water system is **exceeding** the minimum acceptable standards for operating their water system and for the quality of their water.
- ▶ There are 700 water systems in Texas with this designation and there are a total of 7024 active water systems as of July 9, 2019.

What do we review?

All water systems are reviewed for outstanding violations which include:

- ▶ Violations generated from not conducting required bacteriological and chemical sampling
- ▶ Violations generated for exceeding any of the primary drinking water standards
- ▶ Violations generated from not conducting and or submitting required reporting
- ▶ Violations generated from TCEQ regional offices as a result of investigations conducted by field staff.
- ▶ Active Enforcement Orders with unresolved violations

What happens when the review is completed?

As reviews are completed each facility will receive a letter:

- ▶ Water systems that are in compliance with all of the requirements will be receiving a thank you letter with an updated agreement form.
- ▶ Water systems with active violations which have not been referred to enforcement will be receiving a letter requesting they address their violations in a timely manner.

What happens when the review is completed?

- ▶ Water systems with active enforcement cases and or agreed orders will be receiving a letter rescinding their Superior status.
- ▶ If a water system's Superior status is rescinded upon resolving all violations and upon meeting all of the requirements listed in 30 TAC 290.47(a) the water system can reapply for reinstatement of their Superior status.

What Can You Do?

Check Drinking Water Watch to determine if you have any active chemical or bacteriological violations and any active reporting violations.

- ▶ If you have active violations and need to address them contact the Water Supply Division (512 239 4691) for assistance.

Check with your local TCEQ Office to verify that you do not have any unresolved violations.

- ▶ Provide the local TCEQ Office with any required documentation to resolve these violations.

Most Common Findings:

Thus far we have reviewed approximately 300 water systems and the most common findings are:

- ▶ Public Notices that were never issued.
- ▶ Sampling which was never conducted associated with the Ground Water Rule.
- ▶ Lead Consumer Notifications required by the Lead Copper Rule.

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