**Mandatory Language for a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Violation -**

**MCL, AVERAGE (CHLORITE)**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the [PWS NAME] [TX ID] that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for chlorite. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for chlorite to be 1.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on the average of a three-sample set, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for chlorite indicates a compliance value in [Month Year] of 0.0 mg/L for DS01.

Some infants and young children who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL. Some people may experience anemia.

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 taking the following actions to address this issue:

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**<corrective actions>**

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., 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.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. <water system official’s name>

 <area code + phone number>

 Posted /Delivered on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

<Date Posted>

**Instructions for preparing the required Public Notice:**

Recopy the mandatory language above and insert the underlined information in the spaces indicated.

The TCEQ recommends that the public water system provide a copy of the Public Notice(s) to local and state officials, such as Mayors, City Council Members, County Commissioners, Judges, and/or State Representatives, that are located in or that represent the affected area(s) served by the system.

**Public Notice delivery timelines:**

The initial public notice shall be issued as soon as possible, but in no case later than 30 days after the violation was identified. Repeat public notice shall be issued every 90 days for as long as the violation persists. All notifications require the attached Certificate of Delivery due 10 days from the posting date of the above notice.

Refer to 30 TAC §290.122 for additional information on Public Notification.