**Mandatory Health Language for**

**Fluoride Secondary Constituent Level Exceedance**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Public water systems are required to provide public notice of potential health effects annually by including additional language in the water bill or separate mailing to all customers. **The public notice must use the enclosed mandatory language for every notice** and include a brief statement about what you plan to do to fix the problem, as described in 30 TAC §290.122(d). This statement must describe what actions the water system is taking to correct the violation, and when the water system expects to return to compliance.

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.

**Required Language for SCL Exceedance of Fluoride:**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the **<Public Water System Name>**, **<PWS ID Number>** that the drinking water being supplied to customers has exceeded the Secondary Constituent Level (SCL) of 2.0 mg/L for fluoride.

This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The drinking water provided by your community water system **<Public Water System Name>** has a fluoride concentration of **<Fluoride Result(s)>** mg/L.

Dental fluorosis, in its moderate or severe forms, may result in a brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternate sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water.

Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4 mg/L of fluoride, but we’re required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2 mg/L because of this cosmetic dental problem.

For more information, please call **<Name of Water System Contact>** of **<Public Water System Name>** at **<Phone Number>**. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water.

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY OF TIER III PUBLIC NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS:

Public Water System (PWS) name: **<Public Water System Name>**

PWS ID: **<PWS ID Number>**

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| Type of Violation | Time Period(s) of Violation | # Samples Required | # Samples Submitted |
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30 TAC §290.122(c) states that the owner or operator of a PWS who fails to perform required monitoring, fails to comply with a test procedure, or is subject to variance or exemption granted under §290.102(b) shall notify persons served by the system no later than one year after the PWS learns of the violation. The initial public notice shall be issued in the following manner:

Please indicate how the PWS provided this public notice to customers, mark all that apply:

 **COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM**:

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| [ ]  | Mail or other direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered **OR** |
| [ ]  | Reporting in the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) **(At least one of these two options is required)****AND** any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons served by the PWS such as (choose one or more below): |
| [ ]  | Delivery of multiple copies for distribution to others (i.e. apartment building owners, large private employers) |
| [ ]  | Continuous posting in conspicuous public places within the area served |
| [ ]  | On the internet |
| [ ]  | Electronic delivery or alert systems (e.g., reverse 911) |
| [ ]  | Delivery to community organizations |

**NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM:**

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| [ ]  | Continuously post Notice in conspicuous places within affected PWS or service area **OR** |
| [ ]  | Mail or direct delivery to each customer or service connection **(At least one of these two options is required)****AND** any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons served by the PWS such as (choose one or more below): |
| [ ]  | Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers |
| [ ]  | E-mail to notify employees or students |
| [ ]  | Electronic delivery or alert systems (e.g., reverse 911) |
| [ ]  | Delivery of multiple copies to central locations (e.g., community centers, large employers) |
| [ ]  | On the internet |

In accordance with 30 TAC §290.122(g), all public water systems that are required to issue public notice to persons in accordance with 30 TAC §290.122, and that sell or otherwise provide drinking water to other public water systems (i.e., consecutive systems), shall provide public notice to the owner or operator of the consecutive systems.

[ ]  This PWS provides water to consecutive systems and those systems have been provided public notice.

Notice to Consecutive Systems was delivered on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(date) by the following means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

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 “I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.”

 NOTE: 30 TAC §290.122(f) requires the PWS to provide a copy of the Public Notice issued and a signed Certificate of Delivery to the Executive Director within 10 days.

Date of Delivery to Customers: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Certified by: (print name): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Submit a copy of the Public Notice delivered to customers and a copy of this completed Certificate of Delivery to the TCEQ at:**

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| **E-mail:** | **PWSPN@tceq.texas.gov** |
| **Mail:** | **TCEQ, Water Supply Division, MC-155****Attn: Public Notice****P.O. Box 13087****Austin, TX 78711-3087** |