

**Mandatory Language for a Maximum Contaminant Level Violation
MCL, AVERAGE / ARSENIC**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM, TX 0170010 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for arsenic. THE U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for arsenic to be 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on running annual average (RAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for arsenic indicates a compliance value in quarter four 2022 of 0.0146 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of 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 taking the following actions to address this issue:

The Borden County Water System is in the process of conducting the required maintenance of the system to correct the issue.

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 any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

Ross D. Sharp, County Judge
Public Water System ID # 0170010
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