



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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BORDEN COUNTY

CATHY PALMER, COUNTY JUDGE

PO BOX 156

GAIL, TX 79738-0156

SUBJECT: Notice of Violation: FLUORIDE MCL, AVERAGE

30 TAC §290.106(f) - MCL Based on Running Annual Average (RAA)

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM - PWS ID NO. TX0170010

BORDEN County, TX

This letter contains important information about compliance requirements for your public water system.

Attention: Public Water System Owner / Manager / Operator

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has determined that **BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM** has violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for fluoride in the water supplied to its customers. This violation occurred during quarter three 2025. Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) §290.106 describes how we determined that this violation occurred.

The MCL for fluoride is 4.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a running annual average (RAA). From the data contained in the attached report, we determined a compliance value for fluoride in quarter three 2025 of 5.1 mg/L for EP001.

Your public water system is required to issue public notification to your customers about the MCL violation as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days after the date the violation was identified in accordance with 30 TAC §290.122. You are required to repeat the notice every three months for as long as the violation persists. You should use the same method that you used for the initial notice.

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.

The public notice must use the enclosed mandatory language for every notice, and include a brief statement about how you plan to address 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. Please send a copy of the public notification and a signed Certificate of Delivery for Public Notice to this office within 10 days after it has been delivered. Mail to:

Drinking Water Inventory and Protection Team

TCEQ Public Drinking Water (MC-155)

P.O. Box 13087

Austin TX 78711-3087

Please note that enforcement actions resulting from noncompliance may result in fines for each violation.



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CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY OF PUBLIC NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Public Water System (PWS) name: **BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM**
PWS ID (7-digit number required): **TX0170010**
Type violation: **FLUORIDE MCL, AVERAGE**
Time Period of violation: **third quarter of 2025**

The PWS named above has distributed the Public Notice (PN) for the type of violation and time period listed above by:

Mail or direct delivery, to bill-paying customers as required by 30 TAC §290.122(b)(2)(A) for community water systems; and

The information contained in this public notification is correct and complies with required public notification content in accordance with 30 TAC §290.122 **and**;

Made an adequate good-faith effort to reach non-bill-paying consumers by appropriate methods (check all below that apply):

- ☒ Posting the PN on the internet at www.co.borden.tx.us/page/borden.Water.Department
- ☐ Mailing the PN to postal patrons within the service area that do not receive a bill
- ☐ Advertising the PN in news media
- ☐ Publication of PN in local newspaper
- ☒ Posting the PN in public places
- ☐ Delivery of multiple copies to single bill addresses serving several persons
- ☐ Delivery to community organizations
- ☐ Email notification

Date of Delivery to Customers 8/13/25

"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."

Certified by: Name (print): Cathy Palmer Title: Judge
Phone: 806-759-4391
Signature: Cathy Palmer Date Signed: 8/13/25

Mail a copy of this completed form and a copy of the Public Notice that was delivered to your customers to:

TCEQ - Drinking Water Inventory & Protection Team
Attn: Public Notice (MC-155)
P. O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Violation Sample Results Report:
BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM PWS ID: TX0170010

EP001

Violation ID Number	Monitoring Period	Violation Description	Analyte Description	Calculated Compliance Value
960007228	3Q2025	MCL, AVERAGE	FLUORIDE	5.1 mg/L

Results for Quarter 3 of 2025: FLUORIDE

Sample ID:Q2527099009 07/09/2025 TRT-TAP W SIDE OF COURTHOUSE 5.25 mg/L

Results for Quarter 2 of 2025: FLUORIDE

Sample ID:Q2512906001 04/02/2025 TRT-TAP W SIDE OF COURTHOUSE 4.98 mg/L

Results for Quarter 1 of 2025: FLUORIDE

Sample ID:Q2501171002 01/14/2025 TRT-TAP W SIDE OF COURTHOUSE 5.25 mg/L

Results for Quarter 4 of 2024: FLUORIDE

Sample ID:Q2441601001 10/01/2024 TRT-TAP W SIDE OF COURTHOUSE 5.10 mg/L