

November 17, 2016

City of Athens
508 E. Tyler Street
Athens, TX 75751

RE: Second Quarter 2016, Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

Dear Customer,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Athens Municipal Water Authority TX1070252 that the drinking water being supplied to its customer had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for haloacetic acids (group of five). The US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has established the MCL for the haloacetic acids (group of five) to be 0.060 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for haloacetic acids (group of five) indicated a compliance value in quarter two 2016 of 0.066 mg/L for DB2-01.

Haloacetic acids are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternate 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 the issue:
Notifying the responsible party, the operator of the water treatment plant (City of Athens TX1070005) of this violation, so that they may take corrective action.

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 Bill Casey at (903) 804-8501.

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