



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Timberlane Water System (TX2020054), Sabine, TX

TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes) Maximum Contaminant Level Violation Q1 (Jan-Mar) 2025

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the **Timberlane Water System Public Water System** that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes to be 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a 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 total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in **Q1 2025** of **87.6 UG/L** for **DBP2-01**.

Trihalomethanes 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 trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, 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:

CSWR – Texas Utility Operating Company (UOC) has reviewed the potential causes of this water quality issue. To reduce the levels of disinfection by-products in your drinking water, we will be increasing system flushing. This helps keep water moving through the pipes, preventing stagnation that can contribute to the formation of these by-products.

Please share this information with all the other 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.

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Coliform Monitoring Violation May, July, Aug 2024

Our system failed to collect every required coliform sample. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During May, July, and Aug we did not monitor or test for coliform bacteria and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You may continue to drink the water. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, we are required to notify you within 24 hours.

What is being done?

CSWR – Texas Utility Operating Company (UOC) has reviewed requirements with our operating partners to test raw water (untreated well water) for bacteriological contaminants. Since the date of this violation, monitoring has resumed as required. Additionally, not bacteriological contaminants were found in the distribution system, indicating that disinfection treatment is effective.

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