

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

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the CITY OF BELLMEAD TX1550001 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 2017 of 0.014 mg/L for EP005.

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 City of Bellmead has hired the ANTEA firm, an International Health and Safety Environmental Consultant Group, to sample the source and non-source water supplies to assist in determining the origin of the contamination. Once the contamination source is identified corrective action will be taken to resolve 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 questions regarding this matter, you may contact Scott Coleman, Public Works Director, at 254-799-5829.
