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January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Rhome water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for haloacetic acids (group of five).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has established the MCL for total haloacetic acids (group of five) at 0.060 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a 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 haloacetic acids indicates a compliance value in quarter four 2016 of 0.178 mg/L for DBP2-01 and 0.177 mg/L for DBP2-02. 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 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 Rhome is flushing all water lines tied into the system. City officials have met with our supplier to work on other long term solutions.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Lance Petty at 817-636-2462 or 940-210-6501.

Sincerely,

Michelle Pittman  
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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Rhome 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 (USEPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes at 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a 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 quarter four 2016 of 0.170mg/L for DBP2-02 and 0.187 mg/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.

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