



Water Treatment Plant Public Information Notice

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water. These standards include enforceable treatment technique requirements for drinking water. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

The City of Big Spring Water Treatment Plant failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements for the month of September, 2009. Specifically, our water system allowed the turbidity of the filtered water to exceed 0.3 Nephelometric Turbidity Units in more than 5.0 percent of the measurements made during the month. Additionally, on September 26, 2009, our system allowed the turbidity of the filtered water to exceed 1.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units.

The City has determined that the violations were caused by a failure in the chemical feed system utilized in treatment for turbidity and has changed out the flow control valve on the system to prevent a recurrence of the violations.

If you want more information about the nature and significance of these violations, you may contact Todd Darden at 264-2500 or Kenny Scott at 264-2393.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, 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.