

NOTICE OF DRINKING WATER ARSENIC VIOLATION

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Klondike ISD water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for ARSENIC at 0.010 mg/L based on a running annual average (RAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. The most recent water samples contained 0.0418 mg/L of arsenic.

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 working to correct the problem. We have an RO unit which is attached to a kiosk located at the front of the school for use by the affected population. All of the water fountains in the school are hooked up to the RO system. We are also in the process of building a new water treatment system that should alleviate this problem. We hope to have the new system operational by 2017-12-31 at which time the arsenic levels should be at or below MCL.

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

For further information contact: Klondike ISD, 2911 County Road H, Lamesa, Texas 79331, Steve McLaren at 806-462-7334.

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