

NOTICE OF DRINKING WATER NITRATE VIOLATION

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the **Klondike Independent School District** water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for NITRATE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for NITRATE at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. The most recent water samples contained 14.7 mg/L of nitrate.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child *must* be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is **not** an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers 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. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women are unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

We are working to correct the problem. We have an RO unit and we have 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 in the process of building a new water treatment system. We hope to have the new system operational by 2017-12-31 at which time the nitrate 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 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.

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

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