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

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Falfurrias Utility Board TX0240001 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for selenium. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for selenium to be 0.05 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on the 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 selenium indicates a compliance value in

• 2nd quarter 2019 of .04 mg/L for EP004

Selenium is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water containing selenium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair or fingernail losses, numbness in the fingers or toes, or problems with their circulation.

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:

- Take water samples at the two wells at Sample Site EP004.
- Inspect the water well and/or wells that may be high in selenium.
- Determine what repairs/maintenance may be needed at the well(s).
- Continue to monitor each well and test as necessary to assure compliance.

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 Falfurrias Utility Board at (361) 325-2597.

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