

Mandatory Language for Public Notice

Triggered Source Monitoring and Reporting Violation: Groundwater Rule

The City of Stephenville / PWS ID Number 07200025 failed to collect the required number of triggered source bacteriological samples for fecal indicator monitoring of the groundwater system during July of 2012. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

Triggered source samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of fecal indicator bacteria. Following a positive routine total coliform result in our distribution system, our water system is required to submit one triggered source sample for every active groundwater well source. Failure to collect all required triggered source samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

What is being done?

The above language is required by the TCEQ to be posted in this Mandatory Language Notice.

The alleged violation stems from a single, standard, treated water distribution sample that, the city believes, falsely tested positive for coliform in July of 2012. As per standards, the exact location was re-sampled within 24 hours as well as connections on both sides of the original sample location. All re-samples confirmed the absence of Total Coliform and E-Coli. TCEQ asserts a violation occurred because Stephenville did not sample 30 raw water well locations that are located outside of the treatment and distribution system following the false positive.

The city respectfully disagrees with the TCEQ as the false positive was taken in the distribution system, after treatment, and if a valid contamination issue had occurred, positive samples would have been identified throughout the distribution system and not as a single isolated event. The city feels the sample container may have been contaminated, but feels the water quality was never compromised. The city takes 312 routine samples each year and continues to maintain a SUPERIOR WATER SYSTEM classification, the highest classification ranking available from the TCEQ and is committed to providing a reliable and, above all, a safe and superior quality of water.

For more information, please contact Nick Williams at 254-918-1223 or at Stephenville City Hall at 298 W. Washington Street, Stephenville, TX 76401

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