

PRESS RELEASE ABOUT TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) & HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) MCL VIOLATION IN THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS



Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) otherwise known as Disinfection By-Products (DBP) are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, is added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with the naturally-occurring organic matter in the water. Some people who drink water in excess of the MCL **over many years may** experience problems with their liver, kidney or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Disinfection is an essential component of public drinking water treatment. **The health risks from disinfection by-products, including THMs, are much less than the risks from consuming water that has not been appropriately disinfected.**

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 have obtained technical assistance from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in addressing the maximum contaminant level (MCL) exceedances for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) & Haloacetic Acid (HAA5) with technical support from the Texas Rural Water Association and we expect a reduction in the levels over the next quarter. ***For more information please feel free to contact Gordon Smith at 817-626-5421 Extension 322 or Marvin Gregory at 817-626-5421 Extension 324.***

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