

## **\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFROMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER\*\*\*** Cox Addition (TX1520106) Lubbock County, TX

Fluoride Maximum Contaminant Level Violation Q3 2023 (July 1, 2023-September 30, 2023)

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Cox Addition Water PWS ID **1520106** that the drinking water being supplied to customers has exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for fluoride. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for fluoride to be 4.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on 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 fluoride indicates a compliance value in quarter 3 2023 (July 1, 2023-September 30, 2023) of 5.1 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in the developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

An alternate source of water should be provided to the affected population, which consists of children less than nine years old. The alternate water should be used for drinking and cooking only. 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:

As temporary managers of this system we are evaluating options including filtration to reduce the Fluoride in the water system.

Please share this information with all the other 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.

For more information, please contact Central States Water Resources Texas UOC Customer Experience by phone at 1-866-301-7725, by email at support@cswrtexaswateruoc.com, or by mail at 1630 Des Peres Road, Suite 140, St. Louis, MO 63131.

This notice is being sent to you by: Cox Addition Public Water System Public Water System ID: TX21520106



