

# CITY OF LA FERIA



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## **TTHM Mandatory Public Notification Language**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the CITY OF LA FERIA TX0310003 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes to be 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter one 2016 of 0.094 mg/L for DBP2-01 and 0.098 mg/L for DBP2-02.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes 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.

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: The distribution system/water lines have been extended to the City's boundaries to provide improved circulation. The water treatment process has been changed to provide mandatory disinfectant levels at remote areas. System flushing frequencies have increased to improve testing results. We anticipate that the water system will be in compliance within the next 90 to 120 days.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Heriberto Ureste at 956-797-2261.