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MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the <u>MULLIN</u> <u>INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT – PWS 1670013</u> public water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for nitrate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for nitrate to be 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on a single sample and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for nitrate indicates a compliance value in **quarter four of 2020** of 12 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child **must** be given an alternative water supply for any consumption. Boiling the affected water is **not** an effective treatment for nitrate removal.

Most consumers 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. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women are unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue:

Filtered drinking water not from the PWS 1670013 is provided in all buildings within the Mullin ISD Main Campus. This public water system only supplies water to the main campus within the school district. Due to COVID-19 the district is currently closed and will not reopen until November 30, 2020. During this time period additional samples will be taken to ensure compliance levels are maintained and all systems are working properly to continue a safe nitrate level.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Thomas Van Zandt at 855-467-0030.

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