

**Mandatory Language for a Maximum Contaminant Level Violation
MCL, SINGLE SAMPLE / NITRATE**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the MULLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TX1670013 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 indicated a compliance value in quarter four 2021 of 12 mg/L for EP002.

Children below the age of six months who drink the 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 is 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 the issue:

We are providing bottled drinking water for cooking and consumption. We have been in meetings with water engineers in efforts to find further solutions to the issue.

Please share this information with all 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact Charles Baish at (855)467-0030 or cbaish@mullinisd.net.

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