

## Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the BENAVIDES - DUVAL COUNTY CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for ARSENIC at 0.010 mg/L based on a 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 ARSENIC indicates that Entry Point 001 annual average level of 0.045 mg/L and Entry Point 002 annual average level of 0.032 mg/L.

This is not an emergency. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. 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 working to correct the problem by consulting with an engineer on reverse osmosis, water blending or media filtration.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses).

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