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PUBLIC NOTICE FROM G & W WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

February 8, 2021,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified G & W Water Supply Corporation PWS 0930048 that the drinking water supplied to customers in our CCN in part of Grimes County has exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Gross Alpha excluding Radon and Uranium and Combined Radium (-226 & -228) MCL, Average. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established The MCL for Gross Alpha excluding Radon and Uranium to be 15 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) based on a running annual average (RAA). The MCL for Combined Radium (-226 & -228) is 7 pCi/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your area for Gross Alpha excluding Radon and Uranium for Quarter 4 - 10/28/2020-- had a RAA 16.0 (pCi/l) and Quarter 3- 07/06/2020- had a RAA 28.5 (pCi/l). Quarter 2- 04/15/2020- had RAA 29.7 (pCi/l.) Quarter 1- 01/21/20- had a RAA 24.7 (pCi/l).

Combined Radium(-226 & -228) indicates a violation period Quarter 4- 10/28/2020- had a RAA 4.5 (pCi/l) and Quarter 3- 07/06/2020- had a RAA 5.5 (pCi/L). Quarter 2- 04/15/2020- had a RAA 7.8 (pCi/L).

This is not an emergency and the water is safe to drink. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased cancer risk. It is important to note this affects all ground water, public wells as well as private wells in the area.

You do not need to use an alternate water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information as to how this may affect you.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue:

We have contacted our engineer who is working with us to find solutions to resolve the issues. Currently the wells in violation are Well #6 at 13577 CR 446 and Well # 1 at 2851 CR 306. We are blending water from all wells in Grimes County to decrease the levels before entering the distribution lines. In August 2020 we will start adding a lime softening treatment. Our engineer is also looking at other methods to utilize as well.

If you have any questions , you may contact Julie Swinney at 936-372-9858.

Sincerely,

Julie Swinney,
Customer Service