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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ( TCEQ) has notified the G & W WSC Field Store TX0930048 that the drinking water being supplied to customers has exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level ( MCL ) for arsenic. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for arsenic to be 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on 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 a compliance value in quarter one 2021 of 0.011 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, 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 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 action to address this issue:

We are alternating wells in our Grimes system which should help dilute the arsenic in the water. We are also blending water between the Grimes wells.

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 questions regarding this matter, you may contact Julie Swinney at 936-372-9858.

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