

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Notice of Surface Water Treatment Technique Violation by the ECWSD
December 14, 2018

The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water. These standards include enforceable treatment technique requirements for drinking water. The City of Eastland purchases and distributes treated water from the Eastland County Water Supply District (ECWSD) (PWSID TX0670019) to City of Eastland customers. In September 2018 the ECWSD violated drinking water requirements as described below. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

Turbidity Treatment

The ECWSD routinely monitors its filtered water for turbidity (cloudiness). This indicates whether the water supply to the customers has been adequately filtered. The measuring equipment that the ECWSD uses to measure turbidity failed in September 2018 thereby preventing the ECWSD from accurately measuring the turbidity levels in compliance with minimum treatment standards for the turbidity level in its filtered water in September, 2018. As a result more than 5% of the combined filter effluent turbidity readings were above 0.3NTU for the month. *Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.* If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other actions. We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.

What is being done?

The ECWSD has purchased new online and new benchtop turbidimeters to replace failed units that prevented compliance with turbidity measuring criteria to reduce the chance of this type of treatment technique violations from happening again.

Please share this information with 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). If you want more information about the nature and significance of this violation, you may contact Ron Duncan at 254-629-8321.

NOTICE OF CORRECTED ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Eastland has posted a corrected Annual Water Quality Report for the year of 2016. This correction has been issued because the original report omitted required reports from the Eastland County Water Supply District, the source of water sold by the City of Eastland.

The direct link to the corrected report is <https://tinyurl.com/y9kgxlo7>

If you wish to speak to someone about the report or want a paper copy mailed to your home, please call 254-629-8321. A copy of the report is available at Eastland City Hall, 113 E. Commerce St.