

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DRINKING WATER

TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) MCL VIOLATION EL OSO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the EL OSO WSC water system # 127000 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes at **0.080** milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter fourth 2017 of **0.081** mg/L for DBP2-01.

Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous systems, and may have 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 actions to address this issue:

El Oso WSC is working to correct the problem by increasing the flushing throughout the northern part of the system. El Oso WSC will conduct routine testing until the water is in compliance with TCEQ / EPA drinking water standards. El Oso WSC is in the process of replacing aging lines to assist in eliminating the problem.

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 El Oso WSC at (830) 583-3543.

Abbreviations

ppm – parts per million = mg/L – milligrams per liter

Comparative Size

1 ppm or mg/L is equivalent to:

1 penny out of \$10,000

1 minute out of 2 years

1 inch out of 16 miles