



The City of Arp

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Arp TX2120001 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for asbestos. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for asbestos to be 7 MFL based on running annual average (RAA) at each sample location, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for asbestos indicates a compliance value in third quarter 2017 of 13 MFL for ASB-01, 10 MFL for ASB-02, 12 MFL for ASB-03, 14 MFL for ASB-04, and 9 MFL for ASB-05.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing asbestos in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of developing benign intestinal polyps.

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 about how this may affect you.

The City of Arp is in the process of finding ways to replace the water lines containing asbestos. To further this compliance issue, the city will continue to work with the TCEQ and make every effort to comply with the standards set by the U.S. EPA. Please be assured that everything is being done to maintain our current water quality and to achieve the mandated levels set before us.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may contact Dale Brown at 903-859-6472.

Sincerely,
Mayor Terry Lowry