June 30, 2017

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the City of Comanche water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for haloacetic acids (group of five).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US. EPA) has established the MCL for haloacetic acids (group of five) to be 0.060 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 haloacetic acids (group of five) indicates a compliance value in quarter two 2017 of 0.080 mg/L for DBP2-02.

Haloacetic acids 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 HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years 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: The City of Comanche is working closely with our consulting engineers to develop a plan to alleviate this problem.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Darwin Dickerson at 325-356-2616.