

Notice of Drinking Water Gross Alpha Particle Violation. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has notified the City of Mason water system that the drinking water supplied to customers has exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for gross alpha excluding radon and uranium. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established the MCL for gross alpha excluding radon and uranium at 15 pico curies per liter (pCi/L) based on a running annual average, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for gross alpha excluding radon and uranium indicates a compliance value of 16 pCi/L. This is not an emergency. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years have an increased risk of getting cancer. You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health problems you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. The City is working to correct the problem through active management and monitoring of the individual wells and pumping schedules and is considering new possibilities for non-contaminated water sources. A centrally located reverse osmosis dispensing station has been provided at 1024 McKinley Ave to provide treated water at no cost to the residents of Mason. Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing it by hand or mail. If you have questions call John Palacio at 325 347-6449. Public Water System ID 1600001.