



City of Three Rivers
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Mandatory Language for Surface Water Treatment Technique Violation

SURFACE WATER TREATMENT TECHNIQUE: ACUTE

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water. One of these standards is a turbidity limit. Turbidity by itself has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may also indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms can be particularly severe in people who are not as resistant to infections as most of the population. If you experience severe symptoms, please consult with your doctor to determine what actions you should take.

The City of Three Rivers, PWS ID TX 1490002, failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements for the month of August 2026. Specifically, our water system had

Violation List:

- membrane filter effluent turbidity readings above 1.0 NTU.
- multiple barrier failure treatment technique violation (CFE >1.0 NTU and IFE >2.0 NTU).

Due to the nature and severity of this violation, TCEQ has required us to issue this public notice and to tell all our customers that they should boil their water prior to consumption.

To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, any water that you use for drinking, cooking, or ice making should be boiled prior to consumption. The water should be brought to a vigorous rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes. (Be sure to let it cool before drinking it.) In lieu of boiling, you may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other suitable source. When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, we will notify you.

Due to the recent floods the City of Three Rivers Water Plant has seen a rise in its finished water turbidity.

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 questions regarding this matter, you may contact City of Three Rivers at 361/786-2528
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