

NEWS RELEASE - CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS

MARSHALL WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

WATER TREATMENT DIVISION

NOVEMBER 14, 2013

Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING A
TINTED WATER EVENT**

The City Water Treatment Plant is currently experiencing a tinted water event because of deeply colored raw water, created by recent heavy rains and flooding upstream of our water intake location on Big Cypress Bayou. The flooding stirs up bayou sediment and naturally occurring minerals, especially iron, which results in very dark brown raw water. When the stirred up raw water is combined in the water treatment process with the recent cooler night temperatures, it makes it very difficult to remove the darker than normal brown color from the raw water, resulting in a slight yellowish tint in the treated water.

Despite the water's slight yellow appearance, there are no contamination or bacterial issues.

We apologize for any inconvenience, as we continue to make treatment improvements to overcome the treatment challenges created by the poor raw water color, because of the added sediment and minerals.

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