

NEWS RELEASE - CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS

MARSHALL WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

WATER TREATMENT DIVISION

OCTOBER 23, 2014

**Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - PUBLIC NOTICE
TCEQ PUBLIC NOTICE - MAXIMUM TRIHALOMETHANES EVENT**

In accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations, the City of Marshall will be mailing water customers and rural water districts served by the City of Marshall, a public notice regarding two recent water tests that exceeded the Maximum Containment Level for total trihalomethanes in the far reaches of our distribution system for the 3rd quarter of 2014. We regularly flush water distribution lines in areas where there is low volume use and in areas where water lines are not looped.

Trihalomethanes 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. The statement wording as required by the TCEQ states that over a period of many years, exposure to trihalomethanes, may cause health issues. Had this been an immediate danger or emergency with your drinking water, we would have notified everyone within 24 hours. We are working with the TCEQ to address this issue by conducting additional water line flushing to improve the quality of the water.

At this time there is no other action required by water customers, but if you have any health concerns, we encourage you to talk to your doctor to get more information.

We agree 100% with the notice requirements by the TCEQ because the safety, reliability, and quality of our drinking water are of the utmost importance. If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Nancy Pasel at 903-935-4492 or npasel@marshalltexas.net

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