

LEAD & COPPER RULE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION
MANDATORY LANGUAGE - TIER III

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Harris County MUD # 53 has violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Chapter 30, Section 290, Subchapter F. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct these situations.

We had a clerical error that caused us to sample at 2 addresses that were not on our TCEQ approved list of 60 sample sites. The 2 samples that were not on the approved list were rejected. All 30 of the samples that were taken were within the parameters allowed by the TCEQ and EPA for Lead and Copper testing.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2016 we did not complete all monitoring or testing for Lead and Copper therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for Lead and Copper, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which the follow-up samples were [or will be] taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
<i>Lead and Copper</i>	<i>Every 3 years</i>	<i>30 (2 rejected)</i>	<i>Before September 30</i>	<i>Before September 30</i>

What is being done?

We are working to correct the problem. For more information, please contact **Pat Gray** at 713-637-8835 or PO Box 24338 Houston, Texas 77229.

We have updated the sample list to reflect the approved sites required by the TCEQ.

Please share this information with all other 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.

This notice is being sent to you by Harris County MUD #53.
Public Water System Number: TX 1010720.
Date Distributed: ___ November 28, 2016

Instructions for preparing the required Public Notice:

Recopy the mandatory language above and insert the underlined information in the spaces indicated.

Public Notice delivery timelines:

The initial public notice shall be issued as soon as possible, but in no case later than 90 days following the initial violation. All notifications require the attached Certificate of Delivery due 10 days from the posting date of the above notice.

Refer to 30 TAC §290.122 for additional information on Public Notification.



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY OF PUBLIC NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS: TIER III
Public Notice (PN) to be posted within **90 days** of initial violation notification

Public Water System (PWS) Harris County MUD # 53
PWS ID: 1010720 Month / Year of violation(s): 10/2016

Type of violation(s):

Failure to Submit Initial Tap Monitoring Results for Lead and Copper (51)

Failure to Submit Follow-up and Routine Tap Monitoring Results for Lead and Copper during two consecutive six-month periods following the monitoring period in which the PWS exceeded (52)

Failure to Conduct Initial/Standard Water Quality Parameter (WQP) monitoring in each monitoring period in which you exceed an action level including the original exceeding monitoring period or failure to Conduct Initial/Standard WQP monitoring during two consecutive six-month periods following the period in which the PWS exceeded (53)

Failure to Collect one set of Lead and Copper source water samples at each Entry Point to the distribution system and submit a source water treatment recommendation to the TCEQ if you have not already done so within 180 days of the end of the monitoring period in which the exceedance occurred (56)

30 TAC 290.122(c) requires that your PWS make an adequate, good-faith effort to reach all consumers served by the system by appropriate methods (check all below that apply):

COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM:

Mail or directly distribute PN to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system;

and at least one of the following methods if direct delivery may not reach all persons regularly served by the system:

Publish PN in local newspaper

Deliver multiple PNs for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others (e.g. apartment building owners or large private employers)

Post PN in public places

Deliver PN to community organizations

Post PN on the Internet at: www.

NONCOMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM:

Mail or directly deliver PN to each customer and service connection, or

Post PN in conspicuous places within the water system;

and at least one of the following methods if direct delivery or public posting may not reach all persons regularly served by the system:

- Publish PN in local newspaper
- Deliver multiple PNs for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others (e.g. apartment building owners or large private employers)
- Post PN in public places
- Deliver PN to community organizations
- Post PN on the Internet at: www. _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURE ON REVERSE SIDE

“I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.”

Certified by: (print name): Patrick Gray
Title: Superintendent

Date of Delivery to Customers: 11/28/2016

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail a copy of this completed form, AND copies of the Public Notices given to your customers to:

TCEQ – Public Drinking Water Section MC – 155,
Attn: Public Notice
P. O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM, PLUS THE COMPLETED MANDATORY LANGUAGE, MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE TCEQ FOR PUBLIC NOTICE COMPLIANCE.