

## **Public Notice to Customers Type Violation:**

### **Maximum Contaminant Level Violation MCL, AVERAGE / ARSENIC**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the **CITY OF RIESEL PWS ID 1550040** water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (**MCL**) for **arsenic**. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for arsenic at 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on running annual average (RAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL.

Analysis of drinking water in your community for arsenic indicates a compliance value in **quarter ONE** 2022 of .013 mg/L for EP001 and .018 mg/L for EP003. **This is not an emergency**. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue: The City of Riesel's engineers are looking into treatment, blending, alternative water sources and other solutions. 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:

**RANDY EHLERS at 254-896-6501 or 254-424-6658**

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