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NOVEMBER 23, 2016
NOTICE OF DRINKING WATER NITRATE VIOLATION
RRA – LOCKETT WATER SYSTEM, ID NO. 2440008

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Authority's Lockett Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for NITRATE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for NITRATE at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in the Lockett Water System for NITRATE indicates a level of **12.1 mg/L**.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT BOILING YOUR WATER WILL NOT REMOVE NITRATE. EXCESSIVE BOILING WILL ACTUALLY INCREASE ITS CONCENTRATION.

The Authority will provide bottled water for use by expectant mothers and infants less than 6 months of age. Unless you are an expectant mother or have an infant under the age of 6 months, 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.

The Authority is currently working with the City of Vernon to alleviate this issue.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, 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.

For further information on the bottled water program, please contact the main office or myself at (940) 723-8697. You may also contact your District Manager, Mr. Terry Dyer, at (940) 636-8064.

Sincerely,

RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald A. Mullins".

Ronald A. Mullins
Regional Manager

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