

Mandatory Public Notification Language  
**Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the  
CITY OF VENUS water system that the drinking water being supplied  
to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for FLUORIDE  
at 4 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of  
drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 4.7 mg/L.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in  
excess of the MCL over many years could have side effects. Fluoride in drinking water at half  
the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine  
years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting  
of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

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 working to correct the problem.

Public Works is presently looking to install two new valves at the downtown storage tanks to  
allow more efficient blending of treated surface water from Midlothian with the Venus well  
water in order to reduce fluoride levels.

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.

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