

Mandatory Language for Public Notice

Triggered Source Monitoring and Reporting Violation: Groundwater Rule

City of George West Water System - PWS ID 1490001 failed to collect the required number of triggered source bacteriological samples for fecal indicator monitoring of the groundwater system during July, 2022. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

Triggered source samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of fecal indicator bacteria. Following a positive routine total coliform result in our distribution system, our water system is required to submit one triggered source sample for every active groundwater well source. Failure to collect all required triggered source samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

What is being done?

Please note, this notice was triggered because routine water sampling in the City's distribution system tested positive for E. Coli on July 21st, 2022. Although the City of George West Utility Department collected the required sampling within the distribution system in a timely manner that showed no E. Coli to be present, it failed to collect samples from each of its active groundwater sources required by law in the allotted time period. The City was notified of this failure and has collected samples from each active groundwater source in the system prior to this date to bring the system into compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

For more information, please contact Mike Villarreal, Public Works Director at 361-449-1556 or 406 Nueces Street, George West, Texas 78022.

**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. **
