



## **PUBLIC NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

Agua Special Utility District PWS ID # 1080022  
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Violation - MCL, Average (Chlorite)

This notice is to inform you that our water system, on March 16, 2023, violated the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for chlorite. Although the condition no longer exists, this notice is to inform you of what happened.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the AGUA SUD PWS ID# 1080022 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for chlorite. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for chlorite to be 1.0 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on the average of three sample sets and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for chlorite indicates a compliance value in March 2023 of 1.3 mg/L for DS01.

Chlorite is formed when chlorine dioxide, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, taste, and odor control reacts with naturally occurring organic matter in the water.

You are not required to do anything due to this event. This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have seen notification immediately. However, we are required to inform you of the EPA health effects mandated language concerning chlorite. It is as follows:

*Some infants and young children who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL. Some people may experience anemia.*

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.

Agua SUD took the following actions to address this issue:

The District flushed all main lines in the distribution system and continues to monitor chlorite levels daily.

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 or concerns regarding this matter, you may contact Aaron Castillo at (956) 585-2459 or (956) 240-7918.