

Public Notice to customers of
Port O Connor Improvement District

La Salle Water Supply

Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) the supplier of our drinking water will start system maintenance by changing their disinfection protocol from Chloramines to Free Chlorine. What this means is GBRA will be removing the Ammonia they currently use to form Chloramines. This is nothing to be worried about, Chloramines are used to prevent Disinfection by Products (DBP's) that are formed when Free Chlorine contacts organic matter. What occurs from continued use of Chloramines is that a Bio Film builds up in the transmission mains and our mains that are used to deliver drinking water to your home. This in itself is naturally occurring; Ammonia is a form of food for this bio-film and requires the removal of this bio film by the use of Free Chlorine this is done periodically for system maintenance. Again this is nothing you need to be worried about as far as health concerns. Your water has been safe and will continue to be safe. We at POCID test the drinking water daily to make sure the quality meets or exceeds minimum state standards.

What to expect; you may possibly detect minor changes in the taste and odor of your drinking water for a few days as we convert over. This is normal there is no health hazards in this changeover, and the same thing will be experienced when we convert back. You will see POCID crews out flushing more during the changeover to move the free chlorine water into the system to get the full benefit of this change. When we change back, you will again see an increased amount of flushing to move the free chlorine water out, and move the chloraminated water back into the system. Again, there is no need to worry about a health hazard from the system.

If you are on kidney dialysis please contact your equipment supplier and advise them of these changes so they can properly adjust your filter to deal with these changes. If you have any other medical conditions you might want to notify your physician of this change if you have any medical concerns.

The planned time to start this maintenance procedure will be to start the process July 10, 2017 the planned end date will be July 28, 2017 should you have any question or concerns please contact Port O Connor Improvement District office at 361-263-2652

Thank you for your patients in this process, as stated, this is a normal maintenance procedure and should not cause any problems other than taste and odor and possibly colored water. If this occurs please contact our office you will need to flush your faucets in the house for 5-10 minutes to clear your service lines, water heaters may take a few days to turn over the water in them.

Thank You,

Port O' Connor Improvement District