

# THE CITY OF COOPER

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## Mandatory Language for Surface Water Treatment Technique Violation

### SURFACE WATER TREATMENT TECHNIQUE: [NON-ACUTE]

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets minimum water quality standards for public drinking water. These standards include enforceable treatment technique requirements for drinking water. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

The City of Cooper, PWS ID TX060001, failed to meet the minimum treatment technique requirements for the month of May 2022. Specifically, our water system had **Treatment Technique Violation** see below.

#### Violation List:

- More than 5% of the combined filter effluent turbidity readings were above 0.3 NTU for the month.

The above event was caused due to clearwell maintenance. The NTU issue was quickly corrected and the plant has returned to normal operations. The City of Cooper initiated contact with TCEQ to verify this matter was truly a violation. Public notices were sent out previously stating the 1.0 NTU violation, but the initial violation stated at 0.3 so technically this is two violations and we are now notifying the public of the first violation which is lower than the first one reported and mailed. We reported and mass mailed a notice stating the highest level violation.

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 regarding this matter, you may contact Terry Palmer at [903-2720158](tel:903-2720158).

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