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Craft Turney Water Supply Corporation

Jacksonville, TX

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Background

On Oct. 3, the Craft-Turney Water Supply Corp. notified the TCEQ of a backflow incident impacting a small portion of the system: 11 service connections. The TCEQ suspects a fungicide entered the water supply. The water utility has indicated that this portion of the system has been isolated from the distribution system. The **do not use order** was initially issued to customers of this portion of the distribution system, but was expanded to customers in the general vicinity of these connections as a precaution. Customers in the expanded area, (located in the same hydraulic pressure plane) can use water to flush their toilets but cannot use the water for any other purposes, such as bathing, washing clothes, preparing food, drinking, gardening, or for pets.

Since issuing the order, the TCEQ has been in continuous contact with the water utility's representatives to ensure public awareness of this situation and has initiated multiple measures, including sampling to determine the extent of potential impact in the water system. The TCEQ is coordinating with the water supply corporation, as well as other state partners and EPA Region 6. The water utility has been continuously flushing the system to remove any potential contaminants. TCEQ investigators and engineers are on the ground and working with the water supply corporation to address this issue. The TCEQ has an open investigation into this incident to determine the cause and source.

The **do not use order** will remain in place until the water system has been adequately flushed and samples indicate that the water is safe to use. It is not known at this time how long this may take, but the health and safety of the water supply corporation's customers is TCEQ's priority.

Update

> Preliminary results for the confirmation samples collected on Oct. 5 and 7, 2018, indicated that the chlorothalonil is still present in a limited area of the system. Craft-Turner WSC (WSC) is conducting targeted flushing of the system in this area, as well as assisting customers with additional flushing of the homes where samples indicated that chlorothalonil remains. The TCEQ will collect additional confirmation samples tomorrow for the original 10 homes.

Today, October 10th, TCEQ staff collected a new set of samples (35 sites in all) which are being provided to the EPA Houston Lab to test for Methylene bis-thiocyanate (MBT). The EPA Houston Lab runs samples in batches of 20, and anticipates they can have preliminary results by Friday for the first batch of samples.

Showers and drinking water remain available to the public.

Communications and Intergovernmental Relations worked through TDEM to assist the County on a news release in response to a number of calls from concerned citizens.

The WSC is hosting a public meeting on Monday October 15th, and has invited the TCEQ to assist in addressing questions from the public.

Press
The County issued the attached news release today.