

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 119
OF
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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Notice of Conversion to Chloramine Disinfection

Residents and Customers
Harris County WCID No. 119
Harris County, Texas

Dear Residents and Customers:

This is an update to correspondence mailed to you dated March 31, 2010, to keep you informed about our water supply. On or about August 23, 2010, Harris County Water Control & Improvement District No. 119 (the "District") will begin distributing water disinfected with chloramines. Chloramines are an approved and accepted method authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"). The District is required by the TCEQ to have a compatible disinfection system with the source supplier, the North Harris County Regional Water Authority. The District is thus required to change from chlorine to chloramines disinfection in order for the systems to be compatible. This change is intended to benefit our customers by reducing the levels of disinfection by-products (DBPs) in the system, while still providing protection from waterborne disease.

Kidney Dialysis Patients - The change to chloramines can cause problems to persons dependent on dialysis machines. A condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water that is used for the dialysate. Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for the dialysis units must include some means, such as a charcoal filter, for removing the chloramines prior to the conversion date. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment. Persons on dialysis should contact their doctor for instructions.

Fish or Other Aquatic Animals - Chloraminated water may be toxic to fish. If you have a fish tank or pond, please make sure that the chemicals or filters that you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chloramines. You may also need to change the type of filter that you use for the fish tank or pond. Persons with a fish tank or pond should contact their professional supplier for information.

This Notice will soon be placed on the District's website at www.HCWCID119.com. If you have questions about the District or the services it provides, please contact the District's operator, Water District Management Company, at 281-376-8802.

Very truly yours,

Board of Directors, Harris County WC&ID No. 119