



**City of Melissa
Department of
Public Works**

Melissa City Hall
3411 Barker Avenue
Melissa, TX 75454

Ph: 972-838-2338
Fax: 972-837-4524
www.cityofmelissa.com

January 26, 2017

Dear citizen of Melissa,

As a customer of the Melissa Drinking Water System, we are required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide you the enclosed notice. We believe the language of the mandatory notice could imply that we are not meeting water quality standards. **This is not the case, our water is safe and we consistently meet all standards.** Therefore, please accept the following explanation in addition to the mandatory language required by the TCEQ.

We regularly sample the drinking water in our city to make sure the quality of our water is safe and our system is well maintained. As part of our regular sampling effort, we analyze for lead and copper. **We have not exceeded any standards for lead or copper in our water.** **In 2016 we sampled locations for lead and copper that had different addresses than the locations on record with TCEQ.** The differing locations are the result of two situations.

The first situation was a change in addresses occurring after we adopted new 911 emergency response addresses. The new address designation did not change the physical sampling location although the address did not match what was on record with TCEQ and resulted in the required notice.

The second situation occurred because two previous locations were no longer active; the residence was not occupied or the business was no longer an active location. Since no water was being used at these locations, it was not appropriate to sample the water at that location and nearby locations were selected. In these two cases, sampling was conducted along the same water lines as the original designation and within a block of the original location. However, the change in designation did not match TCEQ records and resulted in the required notice.

It is our hope that you remain confident in the safety and reliability of your water system and this explanation provides the assurance you expect from your public servants. We have worked with the TCEQ to explain and resolve the administrative nature of the sampling location designations and will resample the locations later this year. We will continue to regularly sample the quality of your water and alert you if there is reason for concern.

THE FOLLOWING PAGE IS THE MANDATORY NOTICE

**LEAD & COPPER RULE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION
MANDATORY LANGUAGE – TIER III**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The City of Melissa has violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in *Chapter 230, Section 290, Subchapter F*. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the 2016 we did not test the locations that match the designated locations originally designated in the TCEQ database for lead and copper and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time although the samples that were taken did meet the required standards.

The table below lists the contaminants for which we did not properly identify the testing locations during the last year.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Lead	1 ever three years	20	June 1 to September 30, 2016	9/26-27/2016
Copper	1 ever three years	20	June 1 to September 30, 2016	9/26-27/2016

What is being done?

We are working to correct the problem. We have provided the TCEQ the required notice to correct the sampling location designations. **For more information, please contact Jeff Cartwright, Director of Public Works at (469)853-9788 or by emailing jcartwright@cityofmelissa.com.**

The sampling and reporting problem occurred because of a new address for one sampling location. The physical location did not change although the address for the location changes because of the 911 emergency response location designation. The results from this sampling location were **below all required levels** for lead and copper.

Two sampling locations were moved because the original locations were no longer occupied or in use. The new locations are within a block of the original locations and along the same water line as the original locations. The results from the two sampling locations were **below all required levels** for lead and copper.

These situations have been corrected with a notice provided to the TCEQ that new addresses/locations have been designated. Resampling of the designated locations will occur in June 1 to September 30 of 2017.

This notice is being sent to you by City of Melissa-Public Water System ID #0430040

Date Distributed: January 26, 2017