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## CONSECUTIVE SYSTEMS PUBLIC NOTICE

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOUSTON'S DRINKING WATER

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets water quality standards for public drinking water. Samples taken in the Houston Main Public Water System (TX1010013) during October, November, and December 2017 were in compliance and met drinking water standards for bacteria; however, chlorine disinfectant residual levels during these months were below the TCEQ-required minimum standards in more than 5 percent of the samples taken, triggering this required notice.

#### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

HOUSTON'S DRINKING WATER REMAINS SAFE. There is nothing you need to do.

#### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

#### WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Houston Water is:

- (1) monitoring chlorine levels at drinking water purification plants and throughout the water system to ensure regulatory compliance.
- (2) prioritizing field response by defining areas where disinfectant is low.
- (3) conducting maintenance to optimize water flow.

For more information about the nature and significance of this violation, call 311 or 713-837-0311 or email [311@houstontx.gov](mailto:311@houstontx.gov). Please state that you would like more information regarding this drinking water public notice.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Houston Main Public Water System. State Water System ID#: 1010013. Date distributed: January 2018.

*Pursuant to federal and state notice requirements, Houston Water is required to notify you that inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, 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.*