



“Bridging the Gap between our Past and the Future”

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Announcement

The City of Kemp is in the process of flushing the water system to mitigate the issue of an odor present in the water. Samples taken from various points across the system do not show any contaminants that would cause a health & safety hazard. Though there is no health & safety issue present; if you currently have an odor coming from your water, flushing water through your faucets may help eliminate the odor issue you are experiencing.

Investigations by staff believe the current issue appears to have originated when the City of Kemp had to introduce water from a secondary water source to supply the City of Kemp with water. The need for a secondary water source was due to the failure of an electric motor on a water pump on Thursday. The pump is located at the City of Kemp Raw Water Station and is used to pump water from Cedar Creek Lake to the City of Kemp Water Plant.

Prior to introduction, the secondary water source was tested per TCEQ requirements. Test results indicated the water met all TCEQ requirements and no issues were apparent to City of Kemp staff at that time. The City of Kemp is no longer using the secondary water source and is now producing water from the City of Kemp water plant. City staff have been flushing the water system since early this morning to mitigate the odor issue.

It is noted that since the water from the secondary water source was tested and met the TCEQ requirements, initial investigations lead city staff to believe that the volume of water flushed from the water main connecting the City of Kemp water distribution system to the secondary water source was not adequate to prevent the introduction of water, that unknown to city staff at the time, carried an odor.

The Standard Operating procedures used in introducing water from a secondary water source is ultimately my responsibility. I apologize for the inconvenience this has caused the residents and other users of the City of Kemp water supply system. I cannot promise that there will not be issues in the future, because that is not realistic, but I can promise the community that I will be transparent in the actions and processes of the City of Kemp. With hopes of positivity coming to the community, the new City of Kemp Water Plant is almost complete and though there will always be a need for improvements, the new plant will be one of the greatest accomplishments that the community of Kemp has achieved in its history.

Again, I humbly apologize for the inconvenience that has fallen upon the community.

Dean Winters
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City of Kemp