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Subject: Your Public Water System's Cross-Connection Control Program

Dear Water System Representative:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is taking this opportunity to remind all public water systems of the importance of having adequate cross connection and backflow prevention programs in place. Public water systems are responsible for implementing, administering, enforcing, and maintaining ongoing backflow prevention and cross connection control programs to protect from hazards originating on the premises of consumers and from temporary connections that may impair or alter the water supply. Your backflow prevention and cross connection control program should establish policy, procedures and instructions for installing, certifying, and maintaining backflow prevention devices. Once established, a backflow prevention and cross connection control program is a continuing effort to locate and correct all cross connection hazards and to educate consumers to prevent the creation of these types of hazards.

The TCEQ's cross connection control regulations in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) Chapter 290, prohibit public water systems from connecting to an actual or potential contamination hazard without first protecting the potable-water supply. The TCEQ's rules require public water systems to:

- adopt a plumbing ordinance, regulations, or service agreements;
- require customer service inspections;
- require backflow protection using appropriate backflow prevention assemblies; and
- require those assemblies to be tested to ensure that they are working correctly.

To assist public water systems in developing successful cross connection control programs, the TCEQ has designed a questionnaire that is provided to public water systems every three years. If your cross connection program has experienced changes since submitting your last questionnaire, please complete a new questionnaire and mail it to:

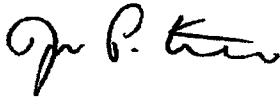
Cross Connection Control Technical Assistance Program
Technical Review and Oversight Team, MC 159
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
PO Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

You can find TCEQ's questionnaire form and other information on cross connection control and backflow prevention on TCEQ's webpage at
https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/trot/cc_control.html.

The TCEQ maintains a 24-hour toll-free number for reporting backflow incidents and other emergencies at 888-777-3186. TCEQ can also assist you with your cross connection control practices by contacting the TCEQ's Cross-Connection Control Technical Assistance Program by email at PDWS@tceq.texas.gov or by phone at (512) 239-4691.

The Financial, Managerial, and Technical (FMT) assistance program also offers free on-site assistance with backflow prevention and cross connection control. To request assistance, visit the FMT webpage at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/fmt> or contact FMT program staff by phone at (512) 239-4691.

Sincerely,



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