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## CITY OF PRIMERA WATERWORKS

### FREE CHLORINE MAINTENANCE

The Primera Waterworks would like our consumers to be aware that HWWS will perform a system maintenance to recondition the network of water distribution piping that delivers water to our facility. Free chlorine maintenance will be conducted on the water transmission system by our wholesaler Harlingen Waterworks System (ID 0310002). **This maintenance will be conducted for a 30-day period starting on October 18, 2018 to November 17, 2018.**

#### **Why does the Harlingen Waterworks perform free chlorine maintenance?**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) allows water suppliers to perform free chlorine maintenance. Free chlorine maintenance helps reduce the need for water suppliers to flush systems in order to maintain chloramine residual (required by the TCEQ) during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water.

#### **What are chloramines?**

The Harlingen Waterworks system utilizes chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, (will only use chlorine) in the water treatment process and to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the TCEQ. Chloramines provide a longer lasting residual disinfection in water pipelines and storage facilities.

#### **How does this process affect drinking water quality?**

Free chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality and remains safe for use. During this period, you may notice mild discoloration or odor not usually present in your water. Consumers who are delicate to taste may detect a change. Be assured that this discoloration or odor is NOT harmful, but precautions must be taken for equipment or processes that maybe sensitive to this change. This palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking water provided to consumers.

#### **Who do I contact if I have questions?**

If you have any questions regarding this free chlorine maintenance, please contact Seth Sanchez/ Water Operator (956) 226-3736.