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Luling and Lockhart Water Treatment Plants Announce Temporary Modification to Disinfection Process

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SEGUIN- Beginning Monday, July 24, 2006 the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) began temporarily substituting chlorine, instead of a chlorine/ammonia compound, as the disinfecting agent in the drinking water treatment process at the Luling and Lockhart Water Treatment Plants. According to Joe Downey, chief operator of Luling Water Treatment Plant and Edward Montana, manager of Lockhart Operations, chlorine will be used for several weeks, after which the plant will resume using chlorine/ammonia.

“Chlorine and chlorine/ammonia are both excellent disinfecting agents and are used extensively in the drinking water industry to safeguard the finished water against bacteria that cause water-borne illnesses,” said Downey. “However, the substitution of chlorine alone on a periodic basis is recommended by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), in order to provide more stability to the disinfecting process and to remove any excess ammonia that might accumulate in the distribution systems over time.”

As part of the process, GBRA employees along with the City of Luling and City of Lockhart Water Department employees will be closely monitoring the disinfectant residual in their water mains, and will increase their flushing activities to provide a more rapid change-out of the water.

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