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SUBJECT: Temporary Change in City's Water Disinfectant

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Residents may soon notice a bleach or chlorine like smell in the water, but the taste and odor is not anything to worry about.

The City of Odessa will temporarily change the method used to disinfect the water supply on Tuesday, August 18. During this interim period of approximately four weeks, the City will use only chlorine to disinfect the water supply instead of the combination of chlorine and ammonia to form Chloramines.

The change in disinfections will be implemented as a proactive maintenance activity in our distribution system to assist in maintaining adequate chlorine residuals. The City has made this same change to its disinfectant in past years with minimal impact on its customers.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has been notified of the change in the treatment of the water and concurs that it is the best method of ensuring that adequate chlorine residuals are maintained throughout the distribution system.

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