**Cheniere Drew Water System**

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 **NOTICE TO WATER CUSTOMERS**

 **CHENIERE DREW SOUTH WATER SYSTEM**

 **PWSID No. LA1073099**

**September 12, 2019**

The *CHENIERE DREW SOUTH WATER SYSTEM*is currently in violation of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes as set forth by the State [Part XII of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code (LAC 51:XII)] and the Federal Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 CFR Part 141).

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) set drinking water standards and requires the disinfection of drinking water. Where disinfection is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs). EPA and LDH set standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and DBPs in drinking water, including trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acid (HAAs). Some people who drink water containing THMs in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

In December 1998, EPA set enforceable drinking water standard for TTHMs at 80 parts per billion (ppb) and for HAA5s at 60 parts per billion (ppb) to reduce the risk of cancer or other adverse health effects. Compliance with the TTHMs and HAA5s standard for public water systems serving less than 10,000 individuals became effective and enforceable on January 1, 2004. Compliance with the TTHMs standard is determined by calculating a locational running annual average (LRAA) of quarterly TTHMs sample results. Compliance calculations performed for the third quarter of 2019 show that the system’s current TTHMs LRAA is *95* ppb at DBP02-1206 Puckett Lake Road; thus, the system is currently in violation of the TTHMs standard.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

*This is not an emergency.* If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. EPA and LDH do not consider this violation to have any serious adverse health effects on human health as a result of short-term exposure; however, continued long term exposure to TTHMs and HAA5s levels above the standard (e.g., 20 years of exposure) has the potential to have serious adverse effects on human health.

Over the past year Cheniere Drew Water System (CDWS) has submitted plans to LDH for review and permitting of aeration facilities at each of its tank sites on the Cheniere Drew South Water Supply. The plans were approved and permitted by LDH. Bids were received in July of last year with construction started in September 2018. Construction was completed in July 2019. It is a proven fact that due to the volatile nature of TTHM’s, aeration will reduce the levels of formed TTHM’s.

If you have questions regarding this notification, please contact John D. Nichols, Operations Manager, CDWS Office Staff, or CDWS Board Members at (318) 322-9516.