



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
97TH AIR MOBILITY WING (AETC)
ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE OKLAHOMA**



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MEMORANDUM FOR All Altus AFB Residents

FROM: 97 AMW/CV

SUBJECT: Water Compliance Results

1. I am pleased to announce that Altus drinking water test results have consistently met State and Federal standards now for the past 12 months regarding Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) levels. We are in compliance with all Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water standards!
2. After the severe drought conditions in the past, the Altus Water Task Force, comprised of Altus AFB members and the local community, was stood up to mutually define the problem, explore long term solutions and regularly test water samples to ensure effective progress. Since the initiation of the task force, the city has expanded its water supply to not only surface sources (reservoirs), but expanded fresh water wells in northern Texas. In addition, by using reverse osmosis purification systems to remove organic contaminants early in the treatment process, subsequent chlorination no longer creates the TTHM by-products. Currently, the combined effect of blended water sources, reverse osmosis filtration followed by chlorination is a long term solution that has proven effective over the past 12 months as documented with numerous monthly water sample tests.
3. For off-base residents, the city has been submitting water samples for State testing and providing independent public announcements for that population which coincides with what the base has in terms of test results and notifications. I have been informed the city has received its State clearance notice and will be announcing their compliance results shortly.
4. We will continue to take regular water samples and test for TTHMs and any other contaminants that may affect your health. Installation representatives will continue to meet with the city to review and discuss the quality of water we all consume on a regular basis. In the event negative trends develop, you will be informed in similar fashion.
5. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight at 481-5494 or email 97mdos.sgoj.bioenvironmentalengineering@us.af.mil.

Sincerely,

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