

The City of Andrews, Texas has been using bottled water on a temporary basis for twelve years under a Bilateral Compliance Agreement with the TCEQ in order to satisfy the federal fluoride MCL. Andrews entered into this agreement in 1992 because the City could not afford to comply with the federal fluoride standards by any other means. The City of Andrews faces

the same dilemma with the new arsenic MCL. Andrews City Manager Glen Hackler has been working with legal counsel, R. Kinnan Golemon of the Austin, Texas office of Brown McCarroll, L.L.P., to persuade the TCEQ to include the bottled water provision in the TCEQ's rulemaking package for arsenic and radionuclides. According to Mr. Hackler, "the City of Andrews has utilized bottled water for twelve years through a centralized water station that is open twenty-four hours a day. This alternative has enabled the City to meet the standard for fluoride. Bottled water provides a cost-effective means to achieve compliance and protect the public health."