Municipal Setting Designations (MSDs): Another tool for Houston

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Shallow Contamination

- Impacted groundwater is typically between 20 and 60 feet below the surface.
- Drinking Water Supply Wells typically get water from 600 feet or deeper below the surface.

Please Note: Houston has shallow contaminated groundwater scattered across the City.
Historical Source of Contamination

- Historically operated as a retail distribution facility for a department store chain
- A gasoline underground storage tank release in 1992
- Tank was removed, and soil excavated in 1993
- Chlorinated compounds discovered in groundwater in 1997 when The RectorSeal Corporation purchased the property
- The RectorSeal Corporation entered the site into the State’s Voluntary Clean Up Program in 1997
Environmental Investigation

- Investigation monitoring for 14 years
- Affected groundwater contained on-site
- Stable and/or decreasing
If you received a notice through certified mail that means you have a water well according to the State’s records.