



FAQs ON THE NAEGLERIA FOWLERI AMOEBIA

- **How do public water systems protect against Naegleria Fowleri Amoeba?** All public water systems are required to maintain specific disinfection levels that are scientifically proven to kill micro-organisms including **Naegleria Fowleri Amoeba**, at both water plants and in distribution systems. Additionally, public water systems are required to implement cross-connection control measures to protect the system.
- **Does the State of Texas regulate how public water systems protect the water supply?** Yes, the level of disinfection and cross connection measures are established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and enforced by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).
- **Are the disinfection levels in a public water system regularly checked?** Yes, public water systems are required to check disinfection levels at water plants and throughout the communities at various locations representative of the entire distribution system to ensure compliance with EPA/TCEQ regulations.
- **Do public water systems specifically test for Naegleria Fowleri Amoeba?** Proper disinfection levels that meet the EPA/TCEQ's standards **eliminate** the presence of micro-organisms including **Naegleria Fowleri Amoeba**. Specific tests for **Naegleria Fowleri Amoeba** are not required by EPA/TCEQ and are not readily available within reasonable timeframes.
- For more information, please see the following links:
 - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/toxicology/q-a/amoeba>
 - https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/primary_amebic_meningoencephalitis/faqs/
 - [https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=30&pt=1&ch=290&rl=110](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=30&pt=1&ch=290&rl=110)
 - <https://youtu.be/Xt-uS9eii-k>

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