

2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

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Required Information

It is a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirement to provide this information. You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Public Participation Opportunities

Water Board Meeting are held every 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Water Office on CR 3419 at 7:00 PM. To learn about future meetings (concerning your drinking water), please call us at 903-586-7063. Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. 903-586-7063 para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

Our Drinking Water is Regulated

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

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If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Where do we get our drinking water?

Our drinking water source is ground water from two wells located in the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer. The TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of your sources are susceptible to certain contaminants.

Abbreviations

MFL: million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)	7,350,000 gallons of water
NA: not applicable	ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water
ND: not detectable	ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)	ppq: parts per quadrillion, or pictograms per liter (pg/L)
NTU: nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)	Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water
pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)	
ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in	

Definitions

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why and E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl ₂) (ppm)	4	4	1.46	1.00	2.10	2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	3.9	3.8	4.0	2020	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	12.05	11.8	12.3	2020	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Arsenic (ppm)	0	0.010	ND	ND	ND	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.039	0.039	0.039	2019	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper - source water (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.0033	.0033	.0033	2018	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.115	0.106	0.115	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	.04360	.02120	.04360	2020	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	ND	ND	ND	2019	No	Run-off from fertilizer; Leaching from septic tanks. Erosion of natural deposits.
Thalium	NA	NA	ND	ND	ND	2018	No	Discharge from electronics, glass & leaching from ore-processing sites.
Microbiological Contaminants								
Total Coliform (RTCR) (% positive samples/month)	NA	TT	NA	NA	NA	2020	No	Naturally present in the environment
Radioactive Contaminants								
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	1	1	1	2012	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	0.16	1.3	0.16	2020	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	0	2020	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminants

Bromochloroacetic, Bromodichloromethane, Chloroform, Dibromochloromethane, Dichloroacetic Acid, and Trichloroacetic Acid are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Violation	Typical Source
Bromochloroacetic (ppb)	NA	NA	1.5 – 2.0	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	NA	NA	2.82 – 3.94	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chloroform (ppb)	NA	NA	3.94-5.33	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	NA	NA	<0.1-1.94	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	NA	NA	2.69-3.1	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Dichloroacetic Acid (ppb)	NA	NA	2.0-2.1	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Trichloroacetic Acid (ppb)	NA	NA	1.7-2.0	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Secondary and Other Constituents

Year	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2018	Chloride	40.8	40.7	40.9	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity
2018	Sulfate	29.55	26.2	32.9	300	ppm	Naturally occurring, common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity
2018	Total Alkalinity As CaCO ₃	118.5	118.0	119.0	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2018	Zinc	.011	.011	.011	5	ppm	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element, used in the metal industry

SYSTEM WATER LOSS: In the water loss audit submitted to the Teas Water Development Board for the time period of January thru December 2019, our system lost an estimated 36,171,308 gallons of water.