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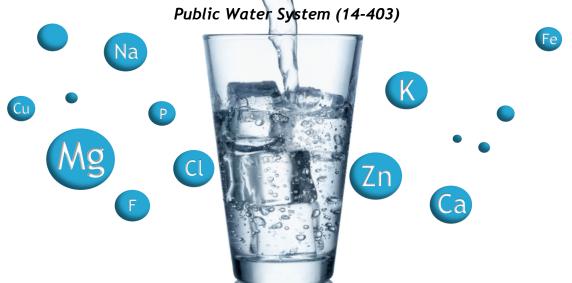
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**Please Note:** This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) covers only the potable water system servicing the Howard Cantonment Area at U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Yuma Proving Ground (YPG). No other water systems are covered or otherwise referenced in this information.



### For More Information...

This Consumer Confidence Report was prepared by the Environmental Sciences Division, USAG Yuma Proving Ground.

For questions, information about drinking water or additional copies of this report please contact Abraham Cortes, Safe Drinking Water Program Manager, at (928) 328-2977, or Mark Schauer of the Yuma Proving Ground Public Affairs Office at (928) 328-6189.

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# **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

U.S. Army Garrison Yuma Proving Ground

This report covers the Howard Cantonment Area AZ04-14403.

Issued May 2020

## Dear Valued Water Consumer,

Thank you for taking the time to read this annual water report. We are here to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Certified laboratory results show our water is well below the federal guidelines for allowable constituents in drinking water. *The* 

proof is in the data!

YPG is proactive in providing safe, quality water to its residents

and workforce throughout all three cantonment areas. Although this

report's data covers the Howard Cantonment Area (HCA) only, the general information is relevant to drinking water across the United States.

Our water system provided drinking water that met all regulatory requirements during 2019.

If you have any questions about the quality of your water, please contact Abraham Cortes, Safe Drinking Water Program Manager, at 928-328-2977 or abraham.cortesramirez.civ@mail.mil. We'd be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for taking interest in your drinking water.

Sincerely,

Your Public Works Directorate

# Our Continuing Commitment to You

YPG and its trained, certified water quality professionals are committed to:

- Providing high quality, safe drinking water to its residents and workforce,
- Monitoring and testing the water we provide to ensure it is always safe to drink,
- Providing opportunity for residents and workforce to ask questions and learn during YPG's Safety Week held each year in February, in resident town hall meetings, and via articles in the YPG Outpost.

### Introduction

This is an annual report for the Howard Cantonment Area on the quality of water delivered by YPG. Under the "Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule" of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), community water systems are required to report this water quality information to the consuming public. Presented in this report is information on the source of our water, its constituents, and the health risks associated with any contaminants.

HCA is regulated as a <u>community water system</u> because there are residents living within the service area year-round. This type of system requires additional monitoring of certain contaminants which

other systems may not need due to the possibility of sensitive populations consuming the water (i.e. children and elderly).

For more information on water system classifications, please visit https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/information-about-publicwater-systems.

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### Information About Federal Regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems (PWS). The U.S. Food and

Drug Administration (FDA) regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same

protection for public health.

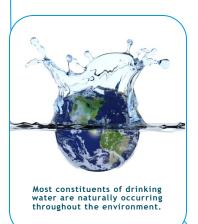
### **Individual Health Concerns**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people

with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA and the Center for Disease

Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 1(800) 426-4791.

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### Primary vs. Secondary Drinking Water Regulations

The EPA sets Current Drinking Water Standards for drinking water. These standards are made up of the National *Primary Drinking Water Regulations* and the National *Secondary Drinking Water Regulations*.

The *Primary Standards* set levels of contaminants that may pose a health risk when present in drinking water supplies and are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems. The Primary Standards contaminants are divided into Inorganic Chemicals, Organic Chemicals, Radionuclides, and Microorganisms.

The Secondary Standards are nonenforceable guidelines that establish recommendations for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects such as skin or tooth discoloration and aesthetic effects such as taste, odor and color. The EPA recommends Secondary Standards for water treatment systems but does not require systems to comply.

# Questions or Concerns?

YPG Resident Town Hall meetings are held quarterly. For a current schedule visit www.desertoasiscommunities.com.

YPG Town Hall meetings are held intermittently during the year. When meetings are scheduled, they are announced via email.

### Substances in 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.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

<u>Microbial contaminants</u>, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, or wildlife.

<u>Inorganic contaminants</u>, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or agricultural activities.

<u>Pesticides</u> and <u>herbicides</u>, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, or residential uses.

<u>Organic chemical contaminants</u>, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, or septic systems.

<u>Radioactive contaminants</u>, which can be naturally occurring, the result of oil and gas production, or mining activities.



### FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions!

• What if my water tastes, smells, or looks strange?

While certain things can affect the flavor, odor, and appearance of your tap water, not all of them are necessarily harmful. Many people can taste the chlorine added for safety. Contaminants like sulfur can impact the smell, while iron will cause discoloration and staining. The overall amount of total dissolved solids (TDS) in your tap water will affect the taste, smell, and appearance. While these issues are *not harmful*, they can certainly be a nuisance. The potentially harmful contaminants are monitored regularly and are included in this report.

• Is bottled water safer and cleaner than tap water?

More than half of all bottled water comes from tap water that has been lightly treated. Some tap waters may not taste as pleasant as bottled waters; it does not mean the tap water is of poor quality. It may simply be due to chlorination or a higher mineral content. This means you could be wasting your money and creating unnecessary waste by drinking bottled water. Tap water, regulated by the EPA, is tested for contaminants more frequently than bottled water, which is regulated by the FDA.

How can I be sure my water is safe to drink?

The most trustworthy way to find out what's in your water and its safety is to send samples to a state-certified lab and have it tested. You can trust that YPG does this and follows all state, federal, and Army regulations for providing safe drinking water. If public water is ever unsafe to drink, the water system is obligated by law to inform its water users. In this case, no news is good news!

Are there filters that I can use?

Due to the complexity of our installation, tap filters are NOT recommended at YPG. The lack of proper upkeep can create an opportunity for harmful bacteria to grow, creating a problem that wasn't there before. All tap water YPG provides is safe to consume. Please review the data provided if you have concerns. If you choose to install a filter within your home, please follow manufacturer guidelines for replacing filters.

♦ Who regulates the water we drink and where samples are taken?

The EPA, along with ADEQ, and the U.S. Army are in charge of overseeing the water that comes out of your taps within YPG. The EPA prescribes very specific rules that dictate where we sample for contaminants (both within buildings and at the water treatment plant). These rules seek to protect public health and tell us where to sample according to federal regulations. These selected sample locations are tracked and kept on file with ADEQ. If you have questions about sample locations, please contact Abraham Cortes.

### What We Do at YPG

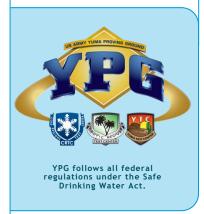
At YPG we monitor our community water system for every federally regulated contaminant. The contaminants listed on pages 6-7 are ones which were detected in your water; there are many additional contaminants that were monitored for but were not detected in your water and therefore are not listed in this report. Drinking water samples are collected from the treatment plant at the entry point to the distribution

system (EPDS) and from water taps in the service area as required by federal regulations. Samples are sent to an Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and EPA accredited laboratory for analysis. Results for the most recent monitoring through the end of 2019 for each contaminant are provided in this CCR.

The state allows us to monitor for some

contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

ADEQ has the authority to enforce federal regulations regarding drinking water. The results are reported to ADEQ and also kept on file by the YPG Environmental Sciences Division.



### **About Lead and Copper**

Lead and copper are rarely found in source waters; however, both of these metals can enter drinking water by leaching from household plumbing and fixtures. Water that sits in your pipes for long periods may dissolve tiny amounts of lead and/or copper (parts per billion levels) into household water. The EPA has developed a rule to minimize the levels of these metals in drinking water.

The Lead and Copper Rule was developed to protect public health by establishing an action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) for lead and 1.3 parts per million (ppm) for copper at the tap.

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.

YPG is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. While HCA monitoring consistently shows levels well below the Action Level (AL), due to the age of some homes it is reasonable to assume there are outdated plumbing materials throughout the distribution system that could contribute to the levels of lead and/or copper.

If your water has been sitting in your household plumbing 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 do so, you may wish to collect the flushed water and reuse it for another beneficial purpose, such as watering plants. 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 at 1(800) 426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

### Information on Detected Contaminants

Many people are concerned about drinking water issues identified by the news media. Elements such as arsenic and mercury, pesticides such as Aldrin and DDT, and bacteria such as E. coli, have increased public concerns about the safety of the water they drink.

Our water system provided drinking water that met all regulatory requirements during 2019.

# Facts About Total Coliform Bacteria

Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are generally not harmful. Coliform bacteria may occur in soil, vegetation, animal waste, sewage, and surface waters.

YPG Howard Cantonment Area routinely tests for the presence of coliform bacteria as an indicator of the sanitary quality of drinking water.

HCA analyzed 48 coliform samples in 2019, <u>zero</u> of which were positive for total coliform bacteria. The maximum allowed by EPA for

coliforms is one positive in any month.

A positive coliform test result does not necessarily mean a maximum contaminant level (MCL) has been exceeded, or that there is a problem in the water system.

More information and general guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791 or at https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water.



The 'Revised Total Coliform Rule' went into effect during 2016 to help protect public health.

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### Arizona Source Water Assessment Program

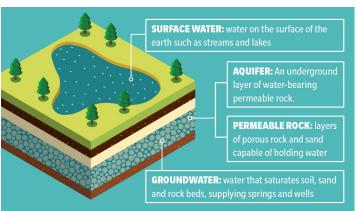
The Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) is an evaluation of water sources that provide recreational and drinking water to PWS's. This evaluation is used to determine the degree to which a PWS is protected, or at risk from contamination. The assessment examines the possible migration of contaminants from use of land bordering the watershed. According to the

2002 Arizona SWAP, the area our water system draws from is considered an "attaining" watershed. It is unlikely, at this time, the source our aquifer draws from is susceptible to contamination from adjacent land uses. More information on Arizona's Source Water Protection Program is available at https://azdeq.gov/source-water-protection.

### The Source of Your Drinking Water

Our water supply for HCA is derived from groundwater pumped from the Coarse Gravel Aquifer, which lies in the ancient streambed of the Colorado River. The water is pumped from two wells that range in depth from 140 feet to 145 feet. Although the minimum depth to groundwater is

approximately 27 feet, our tap water is drawn from between 105 feet to 130 feet below the ground surface. The pumped water is then treated through an electrodialysis reversal (EDR) unit to provide quality drinking water. Additionally, our water is chlorinated (treatment technique) to help prevent the growth of disease causing organisms, such as viruses and bacteria.



# Legend Water Storage Tank Source Water Well Water Treatment Plant Water Line Road HCA Water System HOWARD Cantonment Area Drinking Water Distribution System

# Protecting Your Water

Protecting the sources of drinking water helps protect our health. It's everyone's responsibility; here are a few ways you can help:

- ♦ Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides—they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source
- ♦ Pick up after your pets
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center

# 2019 Howard Cantonment Area Drinking Water Results

| Parameter  | Units                 | Highest<br>Level<br>Allowed<br>(EPA's MCL) | Ideal Goal<br>(EPA's<br>MCLG) | HCA Highest<br>Result  | Range/<br>Average | Exceeded<br>Standard | Sample<br>Date    | Monitoring<br>Frequency | Major Sources in<br>Drinking Water   | Health Effects  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| PRIMARY STANDARDS - Mandatory Health-Related Standards The National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) are legally enforceable primary standards and treatment techniques that apply to public water systems. Primary standards and treatment techniques protect public health by limiting the levels of contaminants in drinking water. |                       |  |                               |  |                   |                      |                   |                         |  |   |  |  |
| Microbiological - Tested at customer taps.   |                       |  |                               |  |                   |                      |                   |                         |  |   |  |  |
| Total Coliform<br>Bacteria   | # positive coliforms  | One positive coliform sample per month     | 0                             | 0  | 0                 | No                   | Monthly           | Monthly                 | Naturally occurring in the environment or can result from human and animal fecal waste entering the water system | Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.   |  |  |
| Fecal Coliform<br>Bacteria (E. coli)   | # positive<br>E. coli | 0  | 0                             | N/A, All monitoring results during 2019 were ABSENT for Total<br>Coliform; analysis for Fecal Coliform was not required. |                   |                      |                   | Monthly, if required    | Human and animal fecal<br>waste  | Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.     |  |  |
| Disinfection Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Tested at customer taps.   |                       |  |                               |  |                   |                      |                   |                         |  |   |  |  |
| Total Chlorine<br>Residuals  | ppm<br>(mg/L)         | MRDL = 4.0                                 | MRDLG =<br>4.0                | 1.37   | 0.87              | No                   | Monthly           | Monthly                 | Water additive used to control microbes  | Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.  |  |  |
| Total<br>Trihalomethanes<br>(TTHM)   | ppb                   | 80   | N/A                           | 4.4  | 3.9 - 4.4         | No                   | July 2019         | Annually                | By-product of drinking water disinfection  | Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.  |  |  |
| Haloacetic Acids<br>(HAA5)   | ppb                   | 60   | N/A                           | 5.1  | 0.68 - 5.1        | No                   | July 2019         | Annually                | By-product of drinking water disinfection  | Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.  |  |  |
| Metals, As a By-Pr   | oduct of Corr         | osion of Consumer':                        | s Plumbing - Te               | sted at customer to  | ıps.              |                      |                   |                         |  |   |  |  |
| Lead   | ppb                   | AL = 15                                    | 0                             | Highest Level<br>Detected: 0.49<br>90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile:<br>0.38  | ND - 0.49         | No                   | September<br>2018 | Once every<br>3 years   | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits   | Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.   |  |  |
| Copper   | ppm                   | AL = 1.3                                   | 1.3                           | Highest Level<br>Detected: 0.31<br>90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile:<br>0.23  | 0.076 - 0.31      | No                   | September<br>2018 | Once every<br>3 years   | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits   | Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor. |  |  |
| Radiological - Test  | ted after trea        | itment.                                    |                               |  |                   |                      |                   |                         |  |   |  |  |
| Beta/Photon<br>Emitters  | mrem/yr               | 4 mrem/yr                                  | 0                             | < 4  | Single<br>Sample  | No                   | March<br>2017     | Once every<br>6 years   | Decay of natural and man-<br>made deposits   | Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing beta particle and photon radioactivity in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.  |  |  |
| Alpha Emitters   | pCi/L                 | 15 pCi/L                                   | 0                             | < 1  | Single<br>Sample  | No                   | March<br>2017     | Once every<br>6 years   | Erosion of natural deposits  | Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.  |  |  |
| Combined<br>Radium<br>(226 & 228)  | pCi/L                 | 5 pCi/L                                    | 0                             | < 0.6  | Single<br>Sample  | No                   | March<br>2017     | Once every<br>6 years   | Erosion of natural deposits  | Some people who drink water containing radium-226 or -228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.  |  |  |
| Combined<br>Uranium<br>(234, 235, 238)   | pCi/L                 | 30 μg/L                                    | 0                             | 2.3 ± 0.7  | Single<br>Sample  | No                   | March<br>2017     | Once every<br>6 years   | Erosion of natural deposits  | Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer and kidney toxicity  |  |  |

# 2019 Howard Cantonment Area Drinking Water Results

| Parameter   | Units   | Highest<br>Level<br>Allowed<br>(EPA's MCL)            | Level (EPA's |                  | HCA Range/ Exceeded<br>ghest Average Standard |                                   | Sample Date                              | Monitoring<br>Frequency   | Major Sources in<br>Drinking Water  | Health Effects  |   |  |
|---|---------|---|--------------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| (Continued) PRIMARY STANDARDS - Mandatory Health-Related Standards  |         |   |              |                  |   |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Inorganic Chemicals - Tested after treatment.   |         |   |              |                  |   |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Antimony  | ppb     | 6   | 6            | 0.11             | Single<br>Sample                              | No                                | March 2017                               | Once every<br>3 years   | Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder Some people who drink water content the MCL over many years could cholesterol and decreases in bloom the content of the many years could cholesterol and decreases in bloom the many years could cholesterol and decreases in bloom the many years could be a solution of the many years are content of the many years.   |   | ntaining antimony well in excess of experience increases in blood od sugar.   |  |
| Barium  | ppm     | 2   | 2            | 0.0014           | Single<br>Sample                              | No                                | March 2017                               | Once every<br>3 years   | Discharge of drilling wastes;<br>Discharge from metal<br>refineries; Erosion of natural<br>deposits   | Some people who drink water co<br>over many years could experienc   | ntaining barium in excess of the MCL<br>e an increase in their blood pressure.  |  |
| Fluoride  | ppm     | 4   | 4            | 0.47             | Single<br>Sample                              | No                                | March 2017                               | Once every<br>3 years   | Erosion of natural deposits;<br>Water additive which<br>promotes strong teeth;<br>Discharge from fertilizer and<br>aluminum factories   | over many years could get bone<br>tenderness of the bones. Fluorid<br>more may cause mottling of child<br>than nine years old. Mottling, als  | e in drinking water at half the MCL or<br>dren's teeth, usually in children less<br>so known as dental fluorosis, may<br>tting of the teeth, and occurs only in |  |
| Nitrate   | ppm     | 10  | 10           | 0.073            | Single<br>Sample                              | No                                | March 2019                               | Annually  | Runoff from fertilizer use;<br>Leaching from septic tanks,<br>sew age; Erosion of natural<br>deposits   | Infants below the age of six mon<br>nitrate in excess of the MCL coul<br>untreated, may die. Symptoms in<br>baby syndrome.                    | ths who drink water containing<br>d become seriously ill and, if<br>nclude shortness of breath and blue   |  |
| Selenium  | ppb     | 50  | 50           | 0.28             | Single<br>Sample                              | No                                | March 2017                               | Once every<br>3 years   | Discharge from petroleum<br>and metal refineries; Erosion<br>of natural deposits;<br>Discharge from mines   | water containing selenium in exc  | . However, some people who drink<br>less of the MCL over many years could<br>les, numbness in fingers or toes, or   |  |
| **PRIMARY STANDARDS - Mandatory Health-Related Standards The following contaminants are Primary Standards which YPG monitored for, however were NOT detected in your water. Reporting non-detected contaminants is not required, but YPG is reporting for your knowledge and awareness.   |         |   |              |                  |   |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Arsenic ppb   |         | 10  | 10 0         |                  | Single<br>Sample                              | No                                | February 2017                            | Once every<br>3 years   | Erosion of natural deposits,<br>runoff from orchards, runoff<br>from glass and electronics<br>production wastes   | over many years could experience  | ntaining arsenic in excess of the MCL<br>e skin damage or problems with their<br>e an increased risk of getting cancer.   |  |
| Parameter   |         | Secondary Star<br>Units (EPA's Recomm<br>Highest Leve |              | ommended Highest |   | Exceeded<br>Secondary<br>Standard | Sample<br>Date                           | Monitoring<br>Frequency   | Major Sources in Drinking Water   |   | Noticeable Effects Above the<br>Secondary MCL   |  |
| SECONDARY STANDARDS - Aesthetic Standards National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations are non-enforceable guidelines regarding contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends secondary standards to water systems but does not require systems to comply. However, some states may choose to adopt them as enforceable standards. |         |   |              |                  |   |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| рН  | NA      |   | 5-8.5        | 7.88             | 7.14 - 7.88<br>Average: 7.40                  | No                                | Monthly                                  | Monthly in<br>conjunction<br>with Total<br>Coliform   | The pH level of your drinking water reflects how acidic it is. pH stands for "potential of hydrogen," referring to the amount of hydrogen found in a substance (in this case, water). pH is measured on a scale that runs from 0 to 14. Seven is neutral, meaning there is a balance between acid and alkalinity.   |   | Low pH: bitter metallic taste;<br>corrosion.<br>High pH: slippery feel; soda taste;<br>deposits.  |  |
| Total Dissolved<br>Solids (TDS)   |         |   | 500          |                  | 163 - 313<br>Average: 210                     | No                                | Intermittent<br>throughout<br>each month | Averaged<br>monthly   | TDS represents the total concentration of dissolved substances in water. TDS is made up of inorganic salts, as well as a small amount of organic matter. Common inorganic salts that can be found in water include calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium, which are all cations, and carbonates, nitrates, bicarbonates, chlorides and sulfates, which are all anions. Cations are positively charged ions and anions are negatively charged ions. |   | Hardness; deposits; colored water; staining; salty taste.   |  |
| Unregulated Contaminants  |         |   |              |                  |   |                                   |  |   |   |   |   |  |
| Sodium  | ppm N/A |   | 49           | Single Sample    | N/A   | March 2017                        | Once every<br>3 years                    | Sodium is the sixth most abundant element on Earth and is widely distributed in soils, plants, water, and foods. Most of the world has significant deposits of sodium-containing minerals. Groundwater typically contains higher concentrations of minerals and salts than do surface waters. |   | Sodium is not currently a regulated substance in drinking water; however, it is of interest to some people due to individual health concerns. |   |  |

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90th Percentile The value in a data set in which 90 percent of the set is less than or equal to this value.

<u>Action Level (AL)</u> The level of lead or copper which, if exceeded in over 10% of the homes tested, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

<u>Electrodialysis Reversal (EDR)</u> An electrodialysis reversal water desalination membrane process that has been commercially used since the early 1960s. An electric current migrates dissolved salt ions, including fluorides, nitrates and sulfates, through an electrodialysis stack consisting of alternating layers of cationic and anionic ion exchange membranes. Periodically, the direction of ion flow is reversed by reversing the polarity of the applied electric current.

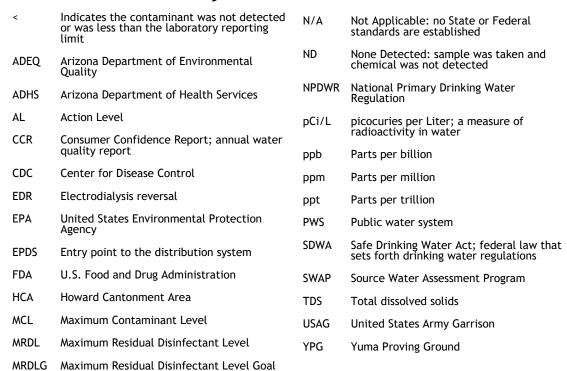
<u>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)</u> The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

<u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)</u> The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the US EPA.

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

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)</u> The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment 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 contaminants.

### Abbreviations/Acronyms







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ONE PART PER MILLION (PPM) IS LIKE...

- 1 second in 11.6 days
- 1 teaspoon in 1,302 gallons
- 1 drop in 13.6 gallons
- 1 milligram per liter (mg/L)

ONE PART PER BILLION (PPB) IS LIKE...

- 1 second in 31.7 years
- 1 teaspoon in 1.3 million gallons
- 1 drop in 13,563 gallons
- 1 microgram per liter (µg/L)

ONE PART PER TRILLION (PPT) IS LIKE...

- 1 second in 31,710 years
- 1 teaspoon in 1.3 billion gallons
- 1 drop in 13,563,368 gallons
- 1 nanogram per liter (ng/L)