

# WATER

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Birmingham Water Works  
Annual Water Quality Report 2014

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## CCR: GOVERNMENT MANDATED

The Birmingham Water Works Board (BWWB), like water utilities across the U.S., is required by the Environmental Protection Agency to send its customers this water quality report or Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) each year.

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act by adding a provision requiring all community water systems to deliver to their customers an annual water quality report, or CCR, which contains information on the water system's source water, the levels of any detected contaminants, compliance with drinking water rules and other educational information.

In 2013, as in years past, the BWWB met all state and federal regulations for water quality.

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REQUIRED**

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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## What is the Consumer Confidence Report?

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual report **required** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the water quality of a particular water system such as the BWWB. **The report details and outlines contaminants and their levels in drinking water.**

## For whom is this report produced?

The CCR is produced for customers and wholesalers of the BWWB and ensures that everyone is provided safe drinking water.

## How much does it cost to receive this report?

This report is free of charge to all customers and stakeholders of the BWWB.

## Why am I getting this report?

The BWWB is federally mandated by the EPA to provide this information to you. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) enforces these rules for the EPA. Regulated drinking water substances that were detected during the 2013 calendar year are provided in the chart.

## Where can I get additional copies of this report?

You may obtain additional copies of the CCR at the BWWB Customer Service Center, by mail (upon request) or by visiting [www.bwwb.org](http://www.bwwb.org). For questions concerning the CCR, please call **Lori Brown at 205-244-4206**.

## What authorities regulate contaminant levels?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA and ADEM prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain substances in water provided by public water systems.

# OUR MISSION

The Birmingham Water Works Board is committed to providing the highest quality water and service to our customers and our entire service area. As a concerned corporate citizen, we are responsive to the needs of the entire community and strive to maintain, preserve and conserve our precious water resources in order to ensure adequate water quality and supply for future generations.

The Birmingham Water Works Board has open meetings monthly at its main office located at 3600 First Avenue N., Birmingham, AL 35222. Meeting dates and times are posted on our Web site and at our main office. The Board welcomes public input and comments during its meetings. For questions, please call 205-244-4000 or visit [www.bwwb.org](http://www.bwwb.org).

# A COMMITMENT TO WATER QUALITY

## 2013 Awards:

- The Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association's (AWPCA's) Best Operated Plant Award was presented to the Carson and Shades Mountain Filter Plants for their outstanding operations.
- The Putnam Filter Plant received AWPCA's Award of Excellence for operations achieved throughout 2013.
- All four of the BWWB's filter plants (Carson, Putnam, Shades Mountain and Western) received the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's Optimized Plant Award.
- The BWWB's Pipe Tapping Team won their 10th National Championship at the American Water Works Association's Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE13) after winning their 5th World Championship in April at the 2013 World Water Cup.
- The BWWB's Top Operators Team also competed in ACE13 and won their 3rd National Championship. The team beat very competitive opponents from the California/Nevada section in the finals.
- The BWWB placed 75th in the industry in Training Magazine's Top 125 Award, which ranks 125 of the leading organizations in employer-sponsored training and development programs.
- The BWWB's Security Department ranked 11th in its sector from Security Magazine's Top 500 Security Award. Those in the utility's division include water, power, nuclear, dam, and gas utilities across North America.



# ADEM



American Water Works Association



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## SUSTAINING A RESOURCE YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

Water is what makes all life possible. It's no secret that water is essential to life, which is why the Birmingham Water Works Board (BWWB) commits daily to maintain, preserve, and conserve our most precious resource. To have access to some of the safest treated water in the world – just by turning on the tap – is very fortunate. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American family uses roughly 140 gallons of water a day. This resource is a constant and essential component of human life, which is shown from the time we wake in the morning to brush our teeth and have our coffee to the time we rest through preparing dinner and taking nice, hot baths before sleeping at night.

Unique from any other liquid water flows through the blood, carrying oxygen and nutrients to cells and flushing toxins out of our bodies. It also cushions our joints and soft tissues. Without water as a routine part of our daily consumption, we would not be able to digest or absorb food. It is responsible for so much of our being, which is why operators in the treatment plants and chemists in the EnviroLab perform more than 100,000 water quality tests on samples collected. The Mayo Clinic suggests that we consume about eight cups of water a day. Going without water isn't smart, and it doesn't take long

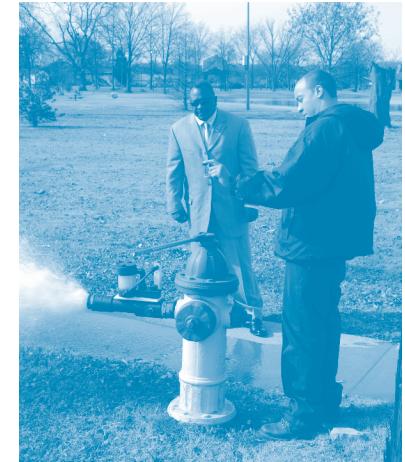
before you begin suffering from the effects of dehydration. Your body weight, overall health and the weather play into the scenario as well. While people may fast or try a body cleanse without food, you should absolutely never go without water for more than a day.

With about 70% of the earth's surface being cov-



ered in undrinkable water, the BWWB prides itself in being able to produce one of the most vital and sustainable resources to customers' everyday. Because of the community's dependency on consumable drinking water, the BWWB tests its water thoroughly using the best available technology. Filter plant operators, chemists from the EnviroLab, water quality technicians, meter readers, leak repair crews, engineers, and even customer support representatives in the call center all work together to assure that the community receives its most precious resource.

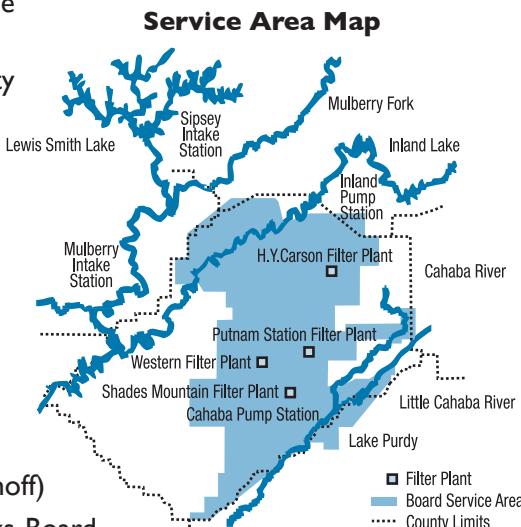
The security of your water is incredibly vital to your health, and the BWWB has one of the best security systems in the nation. For the past two years the system ranked 11th and 15th in the Utility Sector, in Security Magazine's Top 500 Security Departments in North America, competing in the same category as power, nuclear, oil and gas utilities. The BWWB placed first among other water systems for its outstanding security. The utility has been recognized in many capacities from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, American Water Works Association, Alabama Water and Pollution Control Association, leading publications such as Security Magazine and Training Magazine, as well as placed first in several nationally recognized conferences and expositions. Constantly on the move, just like the water it produces, there is no surprise that the BWWB is ranked 5th in the nation for water quality. So the next time you pour yourself a nice refreshing glass of ice-cold water, keep in mind that each drop is of the highest quality, because simply put, **there is nothing else like it!**



# SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

A source water assessment has been updated for the water system. It is available for review at the BWWB's main office during normal business hours. The following is a list of the sources of raw water along with the susceptibility rating of the contaminant source and the contaminant sources:

- Inland Lake – low susceptibility (septic tank); moderate susceptibility (boat launch)
- Cahaba River – moderate susceptibility (highways, secondary roads and railroad)
- Mulberry Fork – moderate susceptibility (septic tanks); high susceptibility (strip mining, bridge and highway)
- Sipsey Fork - moderate susceptibility (storm water runoff)



The Birmingham Water Works Board is making a maximum effort to physically protect all of our critical assets.

## WHERE DOES MY WATER COME FROM?

### Black Warrior Basin

- Sipsey Fork
- Inland Lake /
- Mulberry Fork
- Blackburn Fork

### Cahaba Basin

- Big Cahaba River
- Little Cahaba River
- Lake Purdy

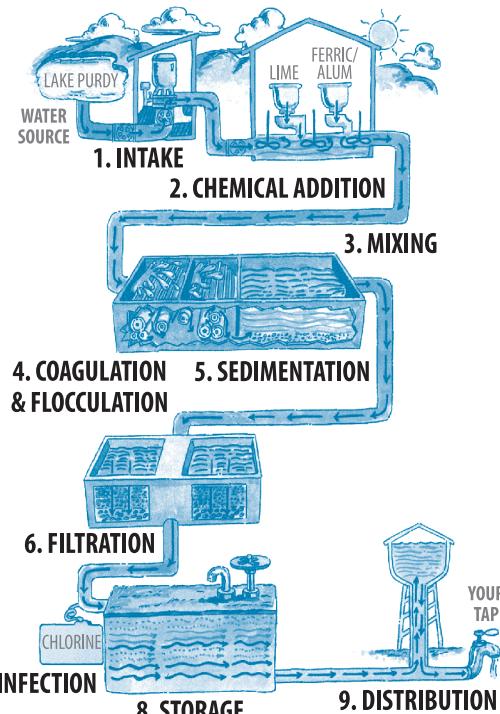
## SYSTEM INFORMATION FOR 2013

- Gallons of water produced each day: **100 million\***
- People served: **600,000\***
- Square miles in service area: **759\***
- Miles of water main (pipes) in system: **4,000\***

\*Approximations

# THE WATER TREATMENT PROCESS

- Intake** - Water is taken from the source. Fish, plants and other debris are screened out and water is drawn into the treatment plant.
- Chemical Addition** - Chemicals are added to kill germs, remove odor and improve taste.
- Mixing** - Water and chemicals are rapidly mixed.
- Coagulation & Flocculation** - The particles stick together and form larger particles called floc.
- Sedimentation** - The water and floc particles flow into a sedimentation basin. The floc then settles to the bottom and is removed from the water.
- Filtration** - Water flows through filters. The filters are made of layers of sand and gravel.
- Disinfection** - A small amount of chlorine or other disinfecting chemical is added to kill any remaining germs and keep the water safe as it travels to your house.
- Storage** - Water is placed in a closed tank or clearwell.
- Distribution** - Water is transported to houses. The BWWB delivers an average of 100 million gallons of water per day.



## ABBREVIATIONS

**NA:** Not Applicable

**CDC:** Centers for Disease Control

**ND:** Not Detected

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

**EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency

**ADEM:** Alabama Department of Environmental Management

# WATER QUALITY DATA

2013 Chemical Analysis						
Standard List Of Primary Drinking Water Contaminants For CCR						
Primary Drinking Water Standards - Limits are set based on public health effects.						
MCL	Bacteriological					
Total Coliform Bacteria	Microbiological Substance (Regulated)					
Presence of Coliform bacteria is < 5% of monthly samples	The highest percentage of bacteria in the distribution system for one month was 0.61% (2 out of 330 samples). All locations that tested positive for Coliform bacteria were tested for E. Coli. E. Coli was not detected in any of these samples. All locations that tested positive for Coliform bacteria were resampled and all resamples were negative.					
Inorganic Chemicals and Radiological						
Parameters (mg/L)	MCL	Carson	Putnam	Shades Mountain	Western	Highest
Antimony	0.006	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Arsenic	0.01	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Barium	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Beryllium	0.004	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Cadmium	0.005	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Chlorine	4	2.80	2.40	2.45	3.71	
Chromium	0.1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Copper	1.3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Cyanide	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Fluoride	4	0.98	ND	0.82	0.80	
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	15	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Lead	0.015	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Mercury	0.002	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Nickel	0.1	0.001	ND	ND	ND	ND
Nitrate as N	10	0.42	0.42	0.28	0.56	
Nitrite as N	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Radium 226 (pCi/L)	5	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.2	
Radium 228 (pCi/L)	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Selenium	0.05	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Thallium	0.002	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Total Nitrate/Nitrite	10	0.42	0.42	0.28	0.56	
Turbidity (NTU)	0.3 (TT)	0.307	0.300	0.180	0.180	
Regulated Organic Chemicals						
Parameters (µg/L)	MCL	Carson	Putnam	Shades Mountain	Western	Highest
1,1 Dichloroethylene	7	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	200	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,1,2 Trichloroethane	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2 Dichloroethane	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2 Dichloropropane	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
2,4-D	70	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Alachlor	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Atrazine	3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Benzene	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Benz(a)pyrene	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Carbofuran	40	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Carbon Tetrachloride	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Chlordane	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Chlorobenzene	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dalapon	200	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Di (2-Ethylhexyl) Adipate	400	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Di (2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	6	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dibromochloropropane	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dichloromethane	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dinoseb	7	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Diquat	20	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Endothall	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Endrin	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Ethylbenzene	700	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Ethylene Dibromide (EDB)	0.05	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Glyphosate	700	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Heptachlor	0.4	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Heptachlor Epoxide	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hexachlorobenzene	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Lindane	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Methoxychlor	40	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

# WATER QUALITY DATA

2013 Chemical Analysis						
Standard List Of Primary Drinking Water Contaminants For CCR						
Primary Drinking Water Standards - Limits are set based on public health effects.		Regulated Organic Chemicals				
Parameters ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	MCL	Carson Highest	Putnam Highest	Shades Mountain Highest	Western Highest	Western Highest
Oxamyl (Vydare)	200	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PCB, 1016	0.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PCB, 1221	0.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PCB, 1232	0.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PCB, 1242	0.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PCB, 1248	0.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PCB, 1254	0.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PCB, 1260	0.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
p-Dichlorobenzene	75	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Pentachlorophenol	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Picloram	500	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Simazine	4	ND	ND	0.15	ND	ND
Styrene	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Tetrachloroethylene	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Toluene	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Total Haloacetic Acids	60	28.6	19.2	36.8	42.5	
Total Trihalomethanes	80	21.4	27.8	37.4	36.9	
Toxaphene	3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Trans-1,2 Dichloroethylene	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Trichloroethylene	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Vinyl Chloride	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Xylenes	10,000	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Running Annual Average for System Wide Stage 2 Sites						
	MCL	RAA				
Total Trihalomethanes ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	System-wide Running Annual Average (RAA): 80 $\mu\text{g/L}$	40.1				
Total Haloacetic Acids ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	System-wide Running Annual Average (RAA): 60 $\mu\text{g/L}$	31.0				
TOC Percent Removal for Filter Plants						
	MCL	Carson	Putnam	Shades Mountain	Western	
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	4 (TT)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	

TOC Step Removal is based on percent reduction of TOC and value of alkalinity in raw water.

- The most recent testing for Lead and Copper Compliance within the distribution system was from June – September 2013. This testing was done in accordance with applicable regulations. The 90th percentile lead sample was <0.0025 mg/L. No lead samples exceeded the action level. The 90th percentile copper sample was 0.218 mg/L. No copper samples exceeded the action level.
- 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. The Birmingham Water Works Board (BWWB) is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but 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/sqfwater/lead>.
- The BWWB uses acrylamide based polymers in its solids handling operations.

- On January 2, 2013, a large water main break occurred that resulted in a loss of water pressure in the western part of the water system along US Hwy-78. A boil water notice was issued for the affected area. On January 4th, the system was restored to normal operation.

- Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA, a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

# WATER QUALITY DATA

## 2013 Chemical Analysis

Parameters (mg/L)	Regulated Drinking Water Contaminants For CCR			Primary Drinking Water Standards - Limits are set based on public health effects.			Major Sources in Drinking Water			
	MCLG	MCL	MCLG	Carson	Putnam	Shades Mountain	Western	Highest	Range	
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria locations that tested positive for Coliform bacteria were tested for E. Coli. E. Coli was not detected in any of these samples. All locations that tested positive for Coliform bacteria were resampled and all resamples were negative.	<5% of monthly samples	The highest percentage of bacteria in the distribution system for one month was 0.61% (2 out of 330 samples). All locations that tested positive for Coliform bacteria were tested for E. Coli. E. Coli was not detected in any of these samples. All locations that tested positive for Coliform bacteria were resampled and all resamples were negative.	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Antimony	0.006	0.006	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Arsenic	0	0.01	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Barium	2	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Beryllium	0.004	0.004	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Cadmium	0.005	0.005	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Chlorine	4	4	2.80	1.42 - 2.80	2.40	1.50 - 2.40	2.45	1.10 - 2.45	3.71	
Chromium	0.1	0.1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Copper	1.3	1.3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Cyanide	0.2	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Fluoride	4	4	0.98	0.59 - 0.98	ND	ND	0.82	0.76 - 0.82	0.80	
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	0	15	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Lead	0.00	0.015	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Mercury	0.002	0.002	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.001	ND - 0.001	ND - 0.001	
Nickel	0.1	0.1	0.001	ND	ND	ND	0.001	ND - 0.001	ND - 0.001	
Nitrate as N	10	10	0.42	0.30 - 0.42	0.42	0.35 - 0.42	0.28	0.25 - 0.28	0.56	
Nitrite as N	1	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Radium 226 (pCi/L)	0	5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	
Radium 228 (pCi/L)	0	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Selenium	0.05	0.05	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Thallium	0.0005	0.0002	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Total Nitrate/Nitrite	10	10	0.42	0.30 - 0.42	0.42	0.35 - 0.42	0.28	0.25 - 0.28	0.56	
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A	0.3 (TT)	0.307	0.013 - 0.307	0.300	0.010 - 0.300	0.180	0.010 - 0.180	0.180	
Parameters (µg/L)	Regulated Organic Chemicals									
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	7	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	200	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	3	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
1,2-Dibromoethane	0	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
1,2-Dibromoopropane	0	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70	70	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
2,4-D EP (Silvex)	50	50	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
2,4-D	70	70	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Alachlor	0	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Atrazine	3	3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Benzene	0	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Benzylidene Adipate	0	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Carbon Tetrachloride	40	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Carbon Tetrachloride	0	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Chlordane	0	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Chlorobenzene	100	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	70	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Dalapon	200	200	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Di(2-Ethylhexyl) Adipate	400	400	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Di(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	0	6	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Diboronchloropropane	0	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Dichloromethane	0	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Dinoseb	7	7	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Diquat	20	20	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Endrin	100	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Endrin	2	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Ethylbenzene	700	700	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Ethylenediamine (EDB)	0	0.05	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Glyfosate	700	700	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Hepachlor	0	0.4	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Hepachlor Epoxide	0	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Hexachlorobenzene	0	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Hexachloroethylene	50	50	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Lindane	0.0002	0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Methoxychlor	40	40	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	600	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Oxamyl (Vydate)	200	200	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
p-Dichlorobenzene	75	75	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Pentachlorophenol	0	1.00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Picloram	500	500	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.15	ND - 0.15	ND	
Simazine	4	4	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Styrene	100	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Tetrachloroethylene	0	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Toluene	1	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Total Iodoacetic Acids	N/A	60	28.6	16.4 - 28.6	19.2	11.3 - 19.2	37.8	13.4 - 36.8	42.5	
Total Trihalomethanes	N/A	80	21.4	18.3 - 21.4	27.8	15.3 - 27.8	37.4	12.6 - 37.4	42.5	
Toxaphene	0	3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	100	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Trichloroethylene	0	5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Vinyl Chloride	0	2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Xylenes	10,000	10,000	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	

# WATER QUALITY DATA

2013 Chemical Analysis					Running Annual Average for System Wide Stage 2 Sites					Major Sources in Drinking Water	
	MCLG	MCL	RAA								
Total Trihalomethanes (µg/L)	N/A	System-wide Running Annual Average (RAA): 80 µg/L								By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Total Halocetic Acids (µg/L)	N/A	System-wide Running Annual Average (RAA): 60 µg/L								By-product of drinking water chlorination	
TOC Percent Removal					TOC Percent Removal for Filter Plants					Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	N/A	4 (TT)	Carson	1.00	Punnam	1.00	Shares Mountain	1.00	Western	1.00	Naturally present in the environment

Parameters (mg/L)	MCLG	MCL	Highest	Carson			Punnam			Shares Mountain			Western			Major Sources in Drinking Water		
				Range	Highest	Range	Highest	Range	Highest	Range	Highest	Range	Highest	Range	Highest	Range	By-product of drinking water treatment.	
Aluminum	0	0.05 - 0.12	0.021	ND - 0.021	ND	ND	0.008	ND - 0.008	0.035	ND - 0.035	0.047	ND - 0.047	0.047	ND - 0.047	0.047	ND - 0.047	By-product of drinking water treatment.	
Bromide	N/A	Monitored	16.7	11.4 - 16.7	22.8	17.5 - 22.8	47.8	22.4 - 47.8	33.3	16.5 - 33.3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Calcium	0	Monitored	1.73	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	1.73	ND - 1.73	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Carbon Dioxide	0	250	4.81	4.51 - 4.81	4.21	3.98 - 4.21	6.26	5.39 - 6.26	5.16	ND - 5.16	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Chloride	N/A	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Color, APHA	N/A	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Copper	1.30	0.50	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.005 - 0.109	0.002	ND - 0.002	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Foaming Agent	0.50	0.50	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Iron	0	0.30	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Langelier Index	N/A	Non-corrective	-0.036	-0.499 to -0.036	0.782	0.110 to 0.782	0.220	-0.071 to 0.220	0.724	-0.046 to 0.724	0.724	-0.046 to 0.724	0.724	-0.046 to 0.724	0.724	-0.046 to 0.724	0.724	
Magnesium	N/A	Monitor ed	3.45	2.75 - 3.45	3.95	3.07 - 3.95	7.12	4.13 - 7.12	11.3	2.74 - 11.3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Manganese	0	0.05	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Odor	0	3	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
pH	0	6.5 - 8.5	8.31	7.62 - 8.31	9.15	8.25 - 9.15	7.79	7.13 - 7.79	8.22	7.78 - 8.22	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Potassium	N/A	Monitored	1.89	1.63 - 1.89	1.86	1.60 - 1.86	1.41	1.36 - 1.41	1.91	1.82 - 1.91	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Silver	0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Sodium	0	Monitor ed	2.07	1.70 - 2.07	2.16	1.67 - 2.16	8.32	6.49 - 8.32	10.2	2.30 - 10.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Specific Conductivity (µS)	0	Monitor ed	158	122 - 158	181	151 - 181	3.86	2.26 - 3.86	3.28	172 - 328	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Sulfate	0	250	35.5	22.0 - 35.5	49.9	33.1 - 49.9	70.9	39.2 - 70.9	72.5	38.1 - 72.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
TDS	0	500	88.0	68.0 - 88.0	93.0	63.0 - 93.0	208	105 - 208	188	65.0 - 188	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Temperature (°F)	N/A	N/A	58.0	52.0 - 58.0	58.0	56.0 - 58.0	77.0	52.0 - 77.0	72.0	55.0 - 72.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Total Alkalinity	0	Monitor ed	104	28.0 - 34.0	34.0	22.0 - 34.0	92.0	48.0 - 92.0	54.0	32.0 - 54.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	
Total Hardness	0	Monitor ed	5.00	5.00	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	158	88.0 - 158	130	90.0 - 130	ND	ND	ND	
Zinc	0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR HEALTH

All 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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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 radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immuno-compromised, such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly people and infants can be particularly at risk for infection.

People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA / 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 at 1-800-426-4791. For further information, contact the Jefferson County Health Department at 205-933-9110.



# WATER QUALITY DATA

## 2013 Chemical Analysis

### Unregulated Organic Substances

Parameters (µg/L)	MCLG	MCL	Carson			Putnam			Shades Mountain			Western Range		
			Highest	Range	Highest	Range	Highest	Range	Highest	Range	Highest	Highest	Range	ND
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,1-Dichloroethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,1-Dichloropropane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,2-Dibromoethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,3-Dichloropropane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,3,5-Dichloropropene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
2,2-Dichloropropane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
3-Hydroxycarbofuran	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Aldicarb	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Aldicarb Sulfone	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Aldicarb Sulfoxide	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Aldrin	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Bromobenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Bromo-chloromethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Bromoform	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Bromomethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Butachlor	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Carbazyl	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Chlorodibromomethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Chloroethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Chloromethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dibromoacetic Acid	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dibromomethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dicamba	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dichlorodifluoromethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Dieldrin	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Fluorotrichloromethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Hexachlorobutadiene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Isopropylbenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
m-Dichlorobenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Methiocarb	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Methomyl	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Metolachlor	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Metrubenzin	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Monobromo-acetic Acid	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Monochloroacetic Acid	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Naphthalene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
n-Butylbenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
n-Propylbenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
o-Chlorotoluene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
p-Chlorotoluene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
p-Sopropyltoluene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Propachlor	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Propoxur	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
sec-Butylbenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
tert-Butylbenzene	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
<b>Unregulated Substances Detected</b>														
Bromodichloromethane	0	Monitored	4.17	3.51 - 4.17	4.23	2.93 - 4.23	6.13	3.90 - 6.13	10.1	3.91 - 10.1				
Chloroform	0	Monitored	17.2	14.8 - 17.2	23.6	12.3 - 23.6	31.3	8.39 - 31.3	30.7	16.0 - 30.7				
Dibromochloromethane	0	Monitored	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	2.27	ND - 2.27		
Dichloroacetic Acid	0	Monitored	14.3	7.44 - 14.3	13.6	7.67 - 13.6	21.1	8.94 - 21.1	20.5	7.45 - 20.5				
Trichloroacetic Acid	0	Monitored	14.3	8.26 - 14.3	6.37	4.18 - 6.37	15.7	4.43 - 15.7	22.1	7.67 - 22.1				



# DEFINITIONS

**ACTION LEVEL (AL)** – Concentration of contaminant that, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**CONTAMINANT** – Any substance other than water. Note that contaminants, as defined, include dissolved minerals, purifying and dental health promotion additives.

**LOCATIONAL RUNNING ANNUAL AVERAGE (LRAA)** – The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)** – Highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL (MCLG)** – Level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL (MRDL)** – The highest level of a 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 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 contaminants.

**mg/L** – milligrams per liter, or parts per million (ppm).

**RUNNING ANNUAL AVERAGE (RAA)** – Compliance period where an average of four consecutive quarterly samples are used.

**TOC** – Total Organic Carbon.

**TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)** – By-product of drinking water chlorination.

**TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)** – By-product of drinking water chlorination.

**TREATMENT TECHNIQUE (TT)** – Required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**TURBIDITY** – Measure of the clarity of water as it relates to its particle content.

**ug/L** – micrograms per liter, or parts per billion (ppb).

**VARIANCE AND EXEMPTIONS** – ADEM or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.

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