2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

THE CITY OF LA JOYA

956-581-7002

SPECIAL NOTICE 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

Main Office Phone Number:

(956) 581-7002

For any questions regarding your drinking water or any of the information provided in the following pages, please call 956-581-7002 or email management at ***ruperto.segura@lajoyatx.gov***. To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us at the phone number listed above.

Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements. ***Your Water is Safe!*** 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.

WATER SOURCES: 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 before treatment include microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

En Español Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. ***(956) 581-7002*** para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

Where do we get our drinking water?

Our drinking water is obtained from SURFACE water sources. It comes from the following source: Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 16. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) completed an assessment of your source water and results indicated that some of your sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system is based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants may be found in this report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us at (956) 581-7002.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health-based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. 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 (1-800-426-4791).

Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document, but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

About The Following Pages

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

DEFINITIONS

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.

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.

MPL – State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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.

Treatment Technique (TT)
A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level (AL)
The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ABRREVATIONS

LRAA – Locational Running Annual Average
LRC – Lead and Copper Rule
MPL – Maximum Permissible Level
NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
pCi/L - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ABRREVATIONS cont.

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
RAA – Running Annual Average
NA – not applicable
ND – Not detected

Inorganic Contaminants

Sample Date	Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
					Low	High		
2023	Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.1	NA		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
2023	Copper (ppm)	1.3	MPL	0.07	.05 - .14		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.74	NA		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
2023	Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	.12	NA	NA	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
2023	Selenium (ppm)	.05	.05	ND	ND		No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
2023	**Cyanide (ppm)**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**ND**	**NA**	**NA**	**No**	**Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories.**

Nitrate Advisory - Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Year	Disinfectant	MRDL MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Violation	Typical Source
					Low	High		
2023	Chloramine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	3.1	1.0	5.0	No	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Health information for Chloramine (as Cl2) - Some people who use water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort or anemia.

Radioactive Contaminants

Year	Contaminant	MRDL MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Violation	Source of Contaminant
					Low	High		
2021	Beta/photon emitters (pCi/L)	NA	50	8	NA		No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. The EPA considers 50 pCi//L to be the level of concern for Beta particles
2021	Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	NA	5	ND	NA		No	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Stage 2

Year	Contaminant	MRDL MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Violation	Source of Contaminant
					Low	High		
2023	Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)(ppb)	NA	60	17	11	24	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2023	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	NA	80	18	9	27	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

***Stage 2** - *For Stage 2 Haloacetic Acids or TTHM, the level detected is the highest locational running annual average (LRAA). The locational running average is the average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.*

Lead and Copper

Year	Contaminant	MCLG	AL	Your Water	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Source of Contaminant
2023	Lead – action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	ND	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.08	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Additional Health Information for Lead: *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. This water supply 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/safewater/lead****.*

Turbidity

Year	Contaminant	MRDL MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2023	Turbidity (NTU)	NA	1.0	0.3	100% *	No	Soil runoff
* The highest single measurement was 0.31. Any measurement more than **1.0** is a violation unless otherwise approved by the state.							
Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, and diarrhea and associated headaches.							

Total Organic Carbon

Year	Contaminant	Your Water	Lowest Level	Highest Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2023	Source Water	13.4	5.1	69.9	ppm	Naturally present in the environment.
2023	Treated Water	3.7	2.4	5.6	ppm	Naturally present in the environment.
2023	Removal Ratio	1.46	0.65	2.37	removal ratio*	The value is not a contaminant
*Removal ratio is the amount of TOC removed by the treatment process divided by the amount of TOC required by TCEQ to be removed.						
Total organic carbon (TOC) no health effects. The disinfectant can combine with TOC to form disinfection byproducts. Disinfection is necessary to ensure that water does not have unacceptable levels of pathogens. Byproducts of disinfection include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAA) which are reported elsewhere in this report.						

Total Coliform

Year	Contaminant	Highest Monthly Number of Positive Samples	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2023	Total Coliform Bacteria	4	*	Presence	No	Naturally present in the environment.
*Greater than one positive coliform in any single month.						
Total coliform bacteria are used as indicators of microbial contamination of drinking water because testing for them is easy. While not disease-causing organisms themselves, they are often found in association with other microbes that are capable of causing disease. Coliform bacteria are hardier than many disease-causing organisms; therefore, their absence from water is a good indication that the water is microbiologically safe for human consumption						

Additional Contaminants

In an effort to ensure the safest water possible the State has required us to monitor some contaminants not required by Federal regulations. Of those contaminants only the ones listed below were found in your water.

Year	Contaminant(s)	MCL or MCLG	State MPL	Your Water	Violation	Explanation and Comment
2023	Aluminum (ppm)	0.2	0.2	0.20	No	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes. Some people who drink water containing aluminum in excess of the MCL over many years may experience short-term gastrointestinal tract effects.

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated

(No associated adverse health effects)

Year	Constituent	Average Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2023	Bicarbonate	114	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2023	Chloride	153	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity
2023	Hardness, Total as CaCO3	231	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring
2023	Iron	ND	NA	ppm	Natural geologic sources and house pipes.
2023	Magnesium	21.5	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring
2023	Manganese	0.007	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring in rocks and soil.
2023	Nickel (ppm)	0.002	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories
2023	pH	7.1	>7.0	units	Measure of corrosively of water.
2023	Potassium	5.7	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring
2023	Sodium	154	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2023	Sulfate	251	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2023	Total Alkalinity as CaCO3	117	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2023	Total Dissolved Solids	725	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.

**Please go to http://dww2.tceq.texas.gov/DWW/ for more information regarding your drinking water.*

Violations

Consumer Confidence Rule			
The Consumer Confidence Rule requires community water systems to prepare and provide to their customers annual consumer confidence reports on the quality of the water delivered by the systems.			
Violation Type	**Violation**	**Violation**	**Violation Explanation**
CCR REPORT	07/01/2021	01/04/2024	We failed to provide to you, our drinking water customers, an annual report that informs you about the quality of our drinking water and characterizes the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.
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Lead and Copper Rule			
The Lead and Copper Rule protects public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water, primarily by reducing water corrosivity. Lead and copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials.			
Violation Type	**Violation Begin**	**Violation End**	**Violation Explanation**
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	01/01/2022	07/10/2023	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	07/01/2022	07/10/2023	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	01/01/2023	07/10/2023	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
LEAD CONSUMER NOTICE (LCR)	09/29/2023	2023	We failed to provide the results of lead tap water monitoring to the consumers at the location water was tested. These were supposed to be provided no later than 30 days after learning the results.

Public Notification Rule

The Public Notification Rule helps to ensure that consumers will always know if there is a problem with their drinking water. These notices immediately alert consumers if there is a serious problem with their drinking water (e.g., a boil water emergency).

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	01/21/2019	01/11/2023	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	08/23/2021	01/11/2023	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	11/22/2021	01/11/2023	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	04/22/2022	01/11/2023	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	08/17/2023	2023	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	11/20/2023	2023	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	12/14/2023	2023	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.

Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR)

The Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) seeks to prevent waterborne diseases caused by E. coli. E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children,

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
LEVEL 1 ASSESS, MULTIPLE TC POS (RTCR)	12/02/2023	2023	We failed to properly complete a Level 1 Assessment in our water system.