

The Water We Drink

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We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2015. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day (Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source(s) are listed below:

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL #5, J.B. LEE	Ground Water
WELL #4, HOLLOWELL	Ground Water
WELL #3, BYRD STATION	Ground Water
WELL #1, ROYTOWN	Ground 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 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:

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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'MEDIUM'. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

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. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact SCOTT YARNELL at 318-464-5620.

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. ALBERTA WATER SYSTEM 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>.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2015. 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.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) – picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) – an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant.

Action level (AL) – the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL) – the “Maximum Allowed” MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) – the “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG’s 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 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 contaminants.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2015		

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month monthly sample(s) in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. During the monitoring period covered by this report, we had the following noted detections for microbiological contaminants:

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
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No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2015

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	9/29/2015	0.017	0.012 - 0.017	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	9/29/2015	1.5	0.93 - 1.5	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (- 226 & -228)	9/29/2015	0.729	0.729	pCi/l	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. RADON & U	9/29/2015	4.72	4.72	PCI/L			

Lead and Copper	Date	90 TH Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER	2011 - 2013	0.3	0.1 - 0.3	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2011 - 2013	1	1 - 2	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	FAIR RD	2015	35	0 - 67.1	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	LAKEFRONT ROAD	2015	38	0 - 145.1	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	FAIR RD	2015	70	0 - 113.4	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	LAKEFRONT ROAD	2015	69	0 - 142.1	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
CHLORIDE	9/29/2015	37.2	24.7 - 37.2	MG/L	250
IRON	9/29/2015	0.033	0.021 - 0.033	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	9/29/2015	0.0025	0.0025	MG/L	0.05
PH	9/29/2015	8.8	8.7 - 8.8	SU	8.5

+++++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language+++++

Insert: Disinfectants - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) and Disinfection By-products - Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

Instructions: For all systems which use either Chlorine or Chloramines, as a disinfectant: You must report the annual average disinfectant residual level result and range of individual results in a Table in your CCR as shown in the following examples. You must also add the appropriate health effects language to the report in the Health Effects Language Section if the MRDL for either disinfectant was exceeded.

For all systems which use Chlorine Dioxide as a disinfectant: You must report the highest daily chlorine dioxide disinfectant residual level result and range of results and you must report the highest arithmetic average of monthly sample sets (3 samples in distribution system) and range in a Table in your CCR as shown in the following examples. You must also add the appropriate health effects language to the report in the Health Effects Language Section if the Chlorine Dioxide MRDL or the Chlorite MCL was exceeded.

For all systems which use Ozone as a disinfectant: You must report the annual average bromate level result and range of individual results in a Table in your CCR as shown in the following examples. You must also add the appropriate health effects language to the report in the Health Effects Language Section if the bromate MCL was exceeded.

Example Table (The below data is for example only and is not real data for the water system)

Contaminants	Date	Result	Unit	Range	MRDL or MCL	MRDLG or MCLG	Typical Source
Chlorine	2015	1.1	ppm	0.6-1.7	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Chloramines	2015	1.8	ppm	0.7-2.1	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine Dioxide	2015	778	ppb	722-778	800	800	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorite	2015	0.6	ppm	0.4-0.6	1	0.8	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Bromate	2015	6	ppb	2-6	10	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant	Result value	Health Effects Language if exceeded
Chlorine MRDL	Highest running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of monthly samples	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.
Chloramines MRDL	Highest running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of monthly samples	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.
Chlorine Dioxide MRDL	Highest daily value	Some infants and young children who drink water chlorine dioxide in excess of the MRDL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women who drink water containing chlorine dioxide in excess of the MRDL. Some people may experience anemia.
Chlorite MCL	Highest arithmetic average of monthly sample sets (3 samples in distribution system)	Some infants and young children who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women who drink water containing chlorite in excess of the MCL. Some people may experience anemia.
Bromate MCL	Highest running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of monthly samples	Some people who drink water of containing bromate in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Addendum to Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) - Water We Drink

Calculating Quarterly running annual averages (RAAs) for disinfectants (Chlorine (Free) and Chloramines (Total))
Compliance residuals are taken from monthly bacteriological samples (Lab 8 forms)

Example 1:

• System size: 25-1,000 people Samples: 1 per month

Example table (The below data is for example only and is not real data for the water system)

Month	1 st Quarter			2 nd Quarter			3 rd Quarter			4 th Quarter		
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Monthly Sample (ppm)	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Monthly Avg.	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Quarterly Avg.	0.6			0.6			0.8			0.8		
Quarterly RAA*	0.7			0.6			0.7			0.7		

*Reported RAA for 1st - 3rd quarters are based on results from previous quarters not reported on this table.

Information to report in CCR

Highest Quarterly RAA Value for the year = 0.7 ppm

Range of individual values (0.5-0.9)

Example contaminant table to insert into CCR:

Contaminants	Date	Result	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
Chlorine	2015	0.7	ppm	0.5-0.9	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

Example 2:

• System size: 1,001-2,500 people Samples: 2 per month

Example table (The below data is for example only and is not real data for the water system)

Month	1 st Quarter			2 nd Quarter			3 rd Quarter			4 th Quarter		
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Sample 1 (ppm)	1.0	2.1	1.4	2.2	1.4	1.4	2.5	2.6	1.4	2.9	3.7	1.8
Sample 2 (ppm)	1.4	1.9	0.8	2.2	2.3	1.6	2.1	2.8	1.4	2.7	2.9	1.8
Monthly Avg.	1.2	2.0	1.1	2.2	1.9	1.5	2.3	2.7	1.4	2.8	3.3	1.8
Quarterly Avg.	1.4			1.9			2.1			2.6		
Quarterly RAA*	1.7			2.3			1.9			2.0		

*Reported RAA for 1st - 3rd quarters are based on results from previous quarters not reported on this table.

Information to report in CCR

Highest Quarterly RAA Value for the year = 2.3 ppm

Range of individual values (0.8 -3.7)

Example contaminant table to insert into CCR:

Contaminants	Date	Result	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
Chloramines	2015	2.3	ppm	0.8-3.7	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

Calculations

- Monthly Avg. = (Sum of individual sample results collected in the month)/ total number of samples in month
 Example: For January in Example 2: (1.0 + 1.4)/2 = 1.2
- Quarterly Avg. = (Sum of monthly avgs. for a quarter)/3
 Example: For 1st Quarter in Example 2: (1.2 + 2.0 + 1.1)/3 = 1.4
- Quarterly RAA = (The Quarterly Avg. + 3 previous Quarterly Avgs.)/4
 Example: For Quarterly Avg. for 4th Quarter in Example 2: (2.6+2.1+1.9+1.4)/4 = 2.0

Quarterly RAA

1 st Quarterly RAA	(1 st Quarterly Avg. + Sum of 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Quarterly Avgs. from previous year) / 4
2 nd Quarterly RAA	(2 nd Quarterly Avg. + 1 st Quarterly Avg. + 3 rd and 4 th Quarterly Avgs. from previous year) / 4
3 rd Quarterly RAA	(3 rd Quarterly Avg. + 2 nd Quarterly Avg. + 1 st Quarterly Avg. + 4 th Quarterly Avg. from previous year) / 4
4 th Quarterly RAA	(4 th Quarterly Avg. + 3 rd Quarterly Avg. + 2 nd Quarterly Avg. + 1 st Quarterly Avg.) / 4

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised 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/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 (800-426-4791).

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at the ALBERTA WATER SYSTEM work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.