

# *Eubank Water System*

## *Water Quality Report 2018*

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Eubank Water System purchases water from Somerset. Somerset Water Service treats surface water from Lake Cumberland. An analysis of the susceptibility of Lake Cumberland to contamination indicates that this susceptibility is low. However, there are several areas of concern. Near the source water withdrawal location can be found residential, commercial and industrial areas, a Superfund site, a closed landfill, roadways, bridges/culverts, and railroads. Agricultural activities and urban development also have a potential to affect water quality. The overall potential of these contaminant sources to adversely impact the water quality at the withdrawal site is low. The complete Source Water Assessment Plan is available for review at Somerset Water Service and also at the Lake Cumberland Area Development District Office.

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 may be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (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, in some cases, radioactive material, and may 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, (sewage plants, septic systems, livestock operations, or wildlife). Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, (naturally occurring or from stormwater runoff, wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming). Pesticides and herbicides, (stormwater runoff, agriculture or residential uses). Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, (by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, or from gas stations, stormwater runoff, or septic systems). Radioactive contaminants, (naturally occurring or from oil and gas production or mining activities). In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water to provide the same protection for public health.

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).

### **Information About 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. Your local public 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>.

### **Some or all of these definitions may be found in this report:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - the 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)** - the 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 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.

**Below Detection Levels (BDL)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Not Applicable (N/A)** - does not apply.

**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, (µg/L). One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq)** - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

**Variations & Exemptions (V&E)** - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

**Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system shall follow.

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

Spanish (Español) Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

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The data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with administrative regulations in 401 KAR Chapter 8. As authorized and approved by EPA, the State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data in this table, though representative, may be more than one year old.

	Allowable Levels	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation	Likely Source of Turbidity
Turbidity (NTU) TT * Representative samples of filtered water	No more than 1 NTU* Less than 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly samples	0.064	100	No	Soil runoff

**Regulated Contaminant Test Results - Somerset**

Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection	Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	0.02	0.02 to 0.02	Mar-18	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	0.80	0.8 to 0.8	Mar-18	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Nitrate [1040] (ppm)	10	10	0.3	0.3 to 0.3	Mar-18	No	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio)	TT*	N/A	1.2 (lowest average)	1.00 to 1.69 (monthly ratios)	2018	No	Naturally present in environment.

\*Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.

Fluoride (added for dental health)	Average	Range of Detection
	0.7	0.6 to 0.8
Sodium (EPA guidance level = 20 mg/L)	10.0	10 to 10

Secondary contaminants do not have a direct impact on the health of consumers. They are being included to provide additional information about the quality of the water.

Secondary Contaminant	Maximum Allowable Level	Report Level	Range of Detection	Date of Sample
Chloride	250 mg/l	6.42	6.42 to 6.42	Mar-18
Corrosivity	Noncorrosive	-1.77	-1.77 to -1.77	Mar-18
Fluoride	2.0 mg/l	0.76	0.76 to 0.76	Mar-18
Foaming Agents	0.5 mg/l	0.05	0.05 to 0.05	Mar-18
Iron	0.3 mg/l	0.01	0.01 to 0.01	Mar-18
pH	6.5 to 8.5	7.04	7.04 to 7.04	Mar-18
Sulfate	250 mg/l	61.7	61.7 to 61.7	Mar-18
Total Dissolved Solids	500 mg/l	136	136 to 136	Mar-18

**Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring by Eubank Water System**

Unregulated Contaminants (UCMR 4)	average	range (ppb)	date
Manganese	1.22	0 to 2.7	Oct-18
HAA5	61.88	34.5 to 104	Oct-18
HAA6Br	5.33	1.32 to 8	Oct-18
HAA9	67.06	38.2 to 111	Oct-18

Your drinking water has been sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that EPA has not established drinking water standards. There are no MCLs and therefore no violations if found. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA determine where the contaminants occur and whether they should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that these data are available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact our office during normal business hours.

Regulated Contaminant Test Results Eubank Water System							
Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection	Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper [1022] (ppm) sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.182 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	0 to 0.288	Sep-17	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead [1030] (ppb) sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 15	0	2.1 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	0.1 to 9.7	Sep-17	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.52 (highest average)	0.5 to 2.2	2018	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
HAA (ppb) (Stage 2) [Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	86 (high site average)	45 to 78 (range of individual sites)	2018	YES	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2) [total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	52 (high site average)	30 to 73 (range of individual sites)	2018	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

HAA(ppb) Individual Site	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Violation
TH1	83.28	82.53	64.00	60.50	Yes
TH2	74.28	74.98	56.75	53.75	Yes
AR2	77.10	77.58	60.00	59.00	Yes
HA1	84.43	85.55	60.75	58.25	Yes

### Violations

Testing results show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for haloacetic acids. The standard for haloacetic acids is 0.060 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all samples at each sampling location for the previous 12 months. The first two quarters values were high due to an abnormal and questionable test result for the third quarter of 2017 from a former contract lab. The last two quarters values are a result of high test results during the third quarter of 2018.

2018-9621018	1/1/2018 – 3/31/2018	HAA	0.085 mg/L
2018-9621019	4/1/2018 – 6/30/2018	HAA	0.086 mg/L
2019-9621020	7/1/2018 – 9/30/2018	HAA	0.064 mg/L
2019-9621021	10/1/2018 – 12/31/2018	HAA	0.061 mg/L

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

We are working to minimize the formation of haloacetic acids while ensuring we maintain an adequate level of disinfectant. We have increased flushing of water lines and we are also monitoring water storage tank levels and water flow patterns within the distribution system. We anticipate resolving the problem within the current year. Public notices were distributed for each of these violations.