

McKinney Water District Water Quality Report 2019

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McKinney Water District purchases water from Stanford Water Works (A) and Somerset Water Service (B) through the City of Eubank. The majority of the district is supplied by Stanford except for those customers in the Ottenheim community who are supplied by Eubank. Our source of drinking water is surface water from Rice Lake and Lake Cumberland. The susceptibility to contamination for Rice Lake is rated "generally moderate" and "low" for Lake Cumberland. Both sources share many of the same land uses that can contribute to contamination. Agricultural activities like farming and logging has contributed to Rice Lake being designated "impaired" by the KY Division of Water due to nutrients and low dissolved oxygen. Other uses including roads & bridges, recreational lake use, wastewater discharges, mining and drilling are also areas of concern within the watersheds. Completed copies of the source water assessments are available for review at the Bluegrass Area Development District in Lexington and the Lake Cumberland Area Development District in Russell Springs.

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).

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.

Variance & 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.

To request a paper copy call 606-346-2220.

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. Copies of this report are available upon request by contacting our office during business hours.

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	Allowable Levels	Source	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation	Likely Source of Turbidity
Turbidity (NTU) TT	No more than 1 NTU*	A=	0.1	100	No	Soil runoff
* Representative samples of filtered water	Less than 0.3 NTU in 95% monthly samples	B=	0.032	100	No	

Regulated Contaminant Test Results Stanford (A) Somerset (B)

Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Source	Report Level	Range of Detection	Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha emitters [4000] (pCi/L)	15	0	A=	3.7	3.7 to 3.7	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	A=	0.02	0.02 to 0.02	2019	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
			B=	0.02	0.02 to 0.02	2019	No	
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	A=	0.9	0.9 to 0.9	2019	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
			B=	0.7	0.7 to 0.7	2019	No	
Nitrate [1040] (ppm)	10	10	B=	0.3	0.3 to 0.3	2019	No	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium [1045] (ppb)	50	50	B=	2	2 to 2	2019	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries or mines; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorobenzene [2989] (ppb)	100	100	B=	1	1 to 1	2019	No	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories

Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors

Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (report level=lowest avg. range of monthly ratios)	TT*	N/A	A=	1.38	0.6 to 2.03	2019	No	Naturally present in environment.
			B=	1.14	1 to 1.38	2019	No	

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

Unregulated Contaminants (UCMR 4)	Source	average	range (ppb)	date
Manganese	B	31.825	7.2 to 91	2019
HAA5	B	32.063	11 to 67	2019
HAA6Br	B	3.45	1 to 6.9	2019
HAA9	B	35.563	12 to 74	2019

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.

2020-99533218

Our water system Stanford Water Works recently failed to comply with a required testing procedure. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

"We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2019, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for Dichloromethane, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time."

Any sample we collect must be sent to and analyzed by a certified laboratory within a specified amount of time. We collected the sample on 12/11/2019, but due to laboratory contamination the dichloromethane result was invalidated.

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You may continue to drink the water. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

On 1/27/2020 we collected a new sample of our finished water in order to have it analyzed for dichloromethane. We sent the sample to the certified lab via courier to ensure that the sample arrived within the allowed holding time. The sample was analyzed and dichloromethane was not found at detectable levels.

For more information, please contact Troy Carrier at 606-365-4515 or 842 East Main St., Stanford, KY 40484.

"Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail."

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Copper [1022] (ppm) sites exceeding action level 0	AL= 1.3	1.3	0.165 (90 th percentile)	0.0052 to 0.217	Jul-19	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead [1030] (ppb) sites exceeding action level 0	AL= 15	0	0 (90 th percentile)	0 to 7	Jul-19	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors							
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	0.99 (highest average)	0.34 to 1.82	2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
HAA (ppb) (Stage 2) [Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	70 (high site average)	28 to 60 (range of individual sites)	2019	YES	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2) [total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	70 (high site average)	32 to 66 (range of individual sites)	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
HAA(ppb) Individual Site	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Violation		
SM2	65.25	56.00	47.75	43.75	Yes		
SM3	70.25	56.50	44.50	41.50	Yes		

Violation 2019-9951028

Testing results showed that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for haloacetic acids (HAA). The standard for haloacetic acids is 0.060 mg/L. It is determined by averaging all samples at each sampling location for the last 12 months. Haloacetic acids averaged at one of our system's locations for:
HAA 1/1/2019 through 3/31/2019 was 0.070 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 have made changes regarding our distribution system flushing program while monitoring disinfectant levels. We are working with our suppliers to decrease the formation of haloacetic acids in our distribution system. Public notices were issued for the quarter we were out of compliance. We returned to compliance during the second quarter of 2019.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 Assessment is a study of the water system to identify problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessment(s).

During the past year we were required to conduct one Level 1 assessment. One Level 1 assessment was completed. In addition, we were required to take 1 corrective action and we completed the one action.