2020 Water Quality Report

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We treat surface water from the Green River and Rio Springs, GRVWD also purchases treated water from Glasgow Water Company. Glasgow utilizes surface water from Barren River Reservoir and Beaver Creek. The following is the Summary for the Green River Valley Water District: The source of raw water for the Green River Valley Water District is the Green River and Rio Springs in Hart County. An analysis of the overall susceptibility to contamination of the Green River Valley Water District's water supply indicated that this this susceptibility is high. Sources of high potential impact include: Highway 31E and Route 569, underground storage tanks, agricultural land use, domestic water wells, and septic systems. This source assessment for GRVWD raw water supply is available through Barren River Development District P.O. Box 9005, Bowling Green Ky., 42102, (270)781-2381 or through David Paige (270)786-2136

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.

Variances & 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 understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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.

## **Green River Valley Water District**

A= Green River Valley Water District, B=Glasgow Water Co./Barren River Reservoir WTP (Water Treatment Plant), C=GlascowWater Co./Beaver Creek WTP **Regulated Contaminant Test Results** Contaminant Range Date of Violation Likely Source of Source Report MCL MCLG [code] (units) Level of Detection Sample Contamination Radioactive Contaminants No Alpha emitters 15 0 B= 2.73 2.73 2.73 Jan-20 to Erosion of natural deposits No [4000] (pCi/L) 2.04 2.04 2.04 Jan-20 No Combined radium 5 0 B= 0.557 0.557 to 0.557 Jan-20 Erosion of natural deposits (pCi/L) C= 0.674 0.674 0.674 Jan-20 No to **Inorganic Contaminants** No Barium A= 0.034 0.034 to 0.034 Feb-20 Drilling wastes; metal refineries; [1010] (ppm) 2 2 B=0.016 0.016 to 0.016 Feb-20 No erosion of natural deposits C= 0.021 0.021 0.021 Feb-20 No to No 0.75 Feb-20 Fluoride A= 0.75 to 0.75 Water additive which promotes [1025] (ppm) 4 4 B=0.77 0.77 0.77 Feb-20 No to strong teeth 0.94 0.94 0.94 Feb-20 No to No Nitrate A= 0.841 0.841 0.841 Feb-20 Fertilizer runoff; leaching from [1040] (ppm) 10 10 Feb-20 No septic tanks, sewage; erosion of B=1.69 1.69 to 1.69 natural deposits Feb-20 No 1.56 1.56 1.56 to **Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors** 2020 No Total Organic Carbon (ppm) 1.35 1.00 2.06 to (report level=lowest avg. TT\* N/A B=1.74 1.39 2.12 2020 No Naturally present in environment. to No range of monthly ratios) 1.96 1.09 3.22 2020 \*Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average must be 1.00 or greater for compliance. Chlorine MRDL MRDLG Water additive used to control No = 4= 4 2.3 0.96 3.48 2020 (ppm) A=microbes. average) HAA (ppb) (Stage 2) Byproduct of drinking water [Haloacetic acids] 60 N/A A= 43 1 50 2020 No to disinfection (range of individual sites) (average) TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2) Byproduct of drinking water [total trihalomethanes] 80 N/A A=42 4 60 2020 No disinfection. (range of individual sites) (average) **Household Plumbing Contaminants** Copper [1022] (ppm) AL = 0.058 Corrosion of household plumbing sites exceeding action level 1.3 1.3  $(90^{th})$ 0.0033 to 0.309 No A= Sept-19 systems percentile) Lead [1030] (ppb) AL = 2 Corrosion of household plumbing  $(90^{th}$ sites exceeding action level 15 No 0 A=0 12 Sept-19 to systems percentile) **Other Constituents** Source Turbidity (NTU) TT Allowable **Highest Single** Violation Lowest Monthly % **Likely Source of Turbidity** \* Representative samples Levels Measurement Turbidity is a measure of the No No more than 1 NTU\* A=0.117 100 clarity of the water and not a Less than 0.3 NTU in B= 0.094 100 No Soil runoff

0.158

95% monthly samples

No

100

contaminant.