

Reid Village Water District

Water Quality Report 2020

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Source Information:

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We purchase water from Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer. Their primary raw water source is surface water from Slate Creek, with Greenbrier Reservoir being a secondary supply of surface water. An analysis of the susceptibility of Mt. Sterling's raw water supply to contamination indicates that the susceptibility potential is considered high, referring to the potential for an occurrence of a contamination event. The potential contaminants of greatest concern include several major roadways and bridges that extend along streams that drain in the water source, numerous car repair facilities, salvage yards in the area, and three identified by the EPA as super fund sites. A super fund site is defined as any land in the United States that has been contaminated by hazardous waste and identified by EPA as a candidate for cleanup because it poses a risk to human health and/or the environment. The complete source water assessment can be reviewed at the Gateway Area Development Office in Morehead, KY.

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.

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.

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.

Regulated Contaminant Testing Results from Mt. Sterling Water Works

Regulated Contaminant Test Results								Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer	
Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection		Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination	
Inorganic Contaminants									
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	0.014	0.014	to 0.014	Feb-20	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	0.98	0.98	to 0.98	Feb-20	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth	
Nickel (ppb) (US EPA remanded MCL in February 1995.)	N/A	N/A	2.1	2.1	to 2.1	Feb-20	No	N/A	
Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors									
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio)	TT*	N/A	1.42 (lowest average)	1.13	to 2.41 (monthly ratios)	2020	No	Naturally present in environment.	
Other Constituents									
Turbidity (NTU) TT * Representative samples	Allowable Levels		Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation	Likely Source of Turbidity			
Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of the water and not a contaminant.	No more than 1 NTU* Less than 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly samples		0.122	100	No	Soil runoff			

Regulated Contaminant Testing Results for Reid Village Water District

Regulated Contaminant Test Results								Reid Village Water District	
Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection		Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination	
Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors									
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.12 (highest average)	0.33	to 1.88	2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes.	
HAA (ppb) (Stage 2) [Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	65 (high site average)	28	to 68 (range of individual sites)	2020	YES	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	
TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2) [total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	70 (high site average)	23	to 81.8 (range of individual sites)	2020	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.	
Household Plumbing Contaminants									
Copper [1022] (ppm) sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.0337 (90 th percentile)	0.0047	to 0.0789	Jul-20	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	
Lead [1030] (ppb) sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 15	0	0 (90 th percentile)	0	to 5	Jul-20	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	

During the past year our water system violated drinking water standards for haloacetic acids (HAA). The standard for HAA is 0.060 mg/L. These are determined by averaging all samples at each sampling location for the previous 12 months. The levels of HAA averages and violation dates were:

2020-9677238 HAA 0.065 mg/L 1/1/2020 through 3/31/2020
 2020-9677239 HAA 0.063 mg/L 4/1/2020 through 6/30/2020

We increased flushing of water lines. We resolved the problem during the third quarter this year and have remained compliant. Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Public notices were distributed for each of these violations as they occurred.

This report will not be mailed unless requested. Copies are available in our office. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact our office.