Clay City Water Works 2021 Water Quality Report

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We Purchase water from Beech Fork Water Commission. Their raw water source is surface water from the Red River. The overall susceptibility to contamination is generally moderate. However, there are a few areas with high susceptibility ratings which are of concern. The airport at Stanton has a high susceptibility rating and is a potential contaminant source because of on-site chemical and fuel storage. Additionally, sixteen bridges or culverts are also located near the intake. There are numerous activities of moderate concern which increase the potential for pollution such as: wastewater discharges, row crops, sewer lines, hazardous chemical users and fuel storage. Activities and land uses within the watershed can pose potential risks to your drinking water. These activities, and how they are conducted, are of interest to the entire community because they potentially affect your health and the cost of treating your water. The completed source water assessment can be reviewed at the Bluegrass Area Development District in Lexington

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.

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.

		BEECI	H FO	ORK WAT	TER COMN	AISSION (1	KY0990281	l)	
Regulated Contaminan	t Test Re	sults							
Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Source	Report Level			Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contamina	ints		•	•					
Combined radium	5	0							
(pCi/L)			B=	0.388	0.388 to	0.388	May-20	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminan	ts	l		<u> </u>	l		<u> </u>		
Barium									
[1010] (ppm)	2	2	B=	0.017	0.017 to	0.017	Apr-21	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride									
[1025] (ppm)	4	4	B=	0.71	0.71 to	0.71	Apr-21	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Disinfection Byproduct	s Precurs	or	<u> </u>	l			ļ		
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)									
(report level=lowest avg.	TT*	N/A	B=	1.26	1 to	2.18	2021	No	Naturally present in environment.
range of monthly ratios)									
*Monthly ratio is the % TOC r	emoval achi	eved to the %	TOC:	removal requ	ired. Annual a	verage must be	1.00 or greate	r for complia	ince.
Other Constituents									
Turbidity (NTU) TT			eo.	High	est Single	Lowest	<u> </u>		
*Repersentative samples	Allowable Levels		Source	Measurement		Monthly %	Violation	Likely Source of Turbidity	
Turbidity is a measure of the	No more than 1 NTU*					100	No	Soil runoff	
clarity of the water and not a contaminant.	Less than 0.3 NTU in		B=	(0.16				
	95% monthly samples								
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Regulated Contaminan									
Disinfectants/Disinfecti		1			1				T
Chlorine	MRDL	MRDLG		1.70					Water additive used to control
(ppm)	= 4	= 4	C=	(highest	1.23 to	2.06	2021	No	microbes.
				average)					
HAA (ppb) (Stage 2)									Byproduct of drinking water
[Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	C=	30	5 to	51	2021	No	disinfection
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TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2)									Byproduct of drinking water
[total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	C=	37	11.5 to	40.5	2021	No	disinfection.
				(average)	(range of ind	lividual sites)			
Household Plumbing C	1	nts							T
Copper [1022] (ppm)	AL =			0.033					Corrosion of household plumbing
sites exceeding action level	1.3	1.3	C=	(90 th	0.001 to	0.076	Sep-19	No	systems
0				percentile)					
Lead [1030] (ppb)	AL =			5					Corrosion of household plumbing
sites exceeding action level	15	0	C=	(90 th	0 to	27	Sep-19	No	systems
1				percentile)					<u> </u>

We received violation 2022-9674118 because we inadvertently failed to include the number of sites above the lead action level in our CCR last year. We had one site above the action level and that is included in this year's report.

If you have any questions regarding this report or would like to request a copy, please contact Mr. Chad Patton at 606-663-2224.

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.

Notice by Clay City Water System – System ID#: KY0990074 Violation #: 2021-869

Our water system Clay City Water System 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 01/01/2021 - 03/31/2021, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for TTHM & THAA, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

Our system is required to collect samples every quarter to monitor for these contaminants. For the time specified above, we failed to collect any samples during the 1st quarter. This was an oversight on our behalf and have taken steps to prevent this from happening in the future.

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.

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