

2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT

WATER TESTING PERFORMED IN 2021



Simpson County
Water District

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WHERE DOES MY WATER COME FROM?

Simpson County Water District purchases water from the White House Utility District (WHUD) in Tennessee. Water treated by WHUD is taken from Old Hickory Lake, a surface water source, and treated at the WHUD treatment plant in Hendersonville, TN. The water is delivered to the Simpson Water distribution network through two delivery points, one located along Hwy 31-W South and the other located near Prices Mill. From these points, water is distributed through 350 miles of water mains ranging in size from 4 inches up to 16 inches in diameter to the homes and businesses served by Simpson Water.

The Safe Drinking Water Act, amended in 1996, requires Community Public Water Systems to prepare a Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) report that addresses a water utility's susceptibility to potential sources of contamination. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared the SWAP Report for the untreated water source that is utilized by WHUD.

The source utilized by WHUD is rated reasonably susceptible to potential contamination. An explanation of Tennessee's Source Water Assessment Program, the Source Water Assessment summaries, susceptibility scorings and the overall TDEC report submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency can be viewed online at www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/water-quality/source-water-assessment.html or at the Simpson Water office located at 108 Morgantown Road in Franklin, KY. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Tennessee Division of Water Supply at 1-888-891-8332.

Our goal is to provide the best water and customer service to Simpson County residents. Our customers are our top priority and an important part of our everyday efforts. We continually look for ways to stay involved in our community and to develop ways to educate customers on water quality. Our website, simpsonwater.com, provides customers access to water quality information and facts about their water utility. Also, general brochures, Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs), and various other Simpson Water publications are available for customer service and educational purposes.

WATER QUALITY

Delivering Quality and Commitment in Every Drop!

Simpson Water continually performs numerous tests to ensure your drinking water is safe. Simpson Water tests the purity of the water over 780,000 times a year to ensure the safety of your drinking water. In 2021, the water was tested for over 100 regulated contaminants, and met or exceeded all state and federal quality standards.

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.

SPECIAL HEALTH INFORMATION

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. Simpson Water is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. The good news is that of all the lead testing performed by Simpson Water, there has never been a single sample that exceeded EPA's action level. 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 people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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.



2021 TEST RESULTS

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. All samples tested in 2021 unless otherwise noted.

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 Test Results							
Substance	Compliance Achieved	Report Level	Range of Detection	MCL	MCLG	Tested by	Likely Source
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) ¹ (Measured as ppm, but reported as a percentage)	Yes	48% Removal Achieved	25% to 35% Removal Required	TT	N/A	WHUD	Naturally present in the environment
Chlorine (ppm) (reported as highest average)	Yes	1.71	0.91 to 2.30	MRDL=4	MRDGL=4	SCWD	Water additive used to control microbes
Fluoride (ppm)	Yes	0.60	0.43 to 0.79	4	4	WHUD	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Haloacetic Acids (ppb) (Reported as highest locational running average)	Yes	53	20.0 to 64.9	60	N/A	SCWD	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) (Reported as highest locational running average)	Yes	56	37.7 to 75.4	80	N/A	SCWD	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Household Plumbing Contaminants							
Copper (ppm) (Sites exceeding action level: 0)	Yes	0.003 (90th percentile)	0 to 0.012	AL=1.3	1.3	SCWD	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (ppb) (Sites exceeding action level: 0)	Yes	0 (90th percentile)	0 to 2	AL=15	0	SCWD	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Other Constituents							
Turbidity (NTU) ² (Sites exceeding action level: 0)	Yes	0.08	0.02 to 0.08	TT	N/A	WHUD	Soil runoff

¹ Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.

² No more than 1 NTU, less than 0.3 NTU in 95% of representative samples of filtered water monthly. Lowest monthly percentage was 100%.

Terms to know when reading the water test results:

AL (ACTION LEVEL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system shall follow.

MCL (MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL)

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.

MCLG (MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL)

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.

MRDL (MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL)

The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG (MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL GOAL)

The highest 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.

NTU (NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNIT)

A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

N/A (NOT APPLICABLE)

Does not apply.

PPM (PARTS PER MILLION)

One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years, or a single penny in \$10,000.

PPB (PARTS PER BILLION)

One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

TT (TREATMENT TECHNIQUE)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

New General Manager Jacob Cuarta



We are pleased to introduce the next General Manager of Warren, Butler, and Simpson Water, Jacob Cuarta. He will be replacing John Dix who is retiring in June 2022. Jacob is originally from Bowling Green Kentucky and at the age of five he moved to the Tampa Bay area. Jacob has family imbedded in the Bowling Green community for more than seventy-five years and is excited to return to the area with his wife and four year old daughter.

Jacob previously led the Water Quality and Operations Division for Pasco County Utilities in Florida, a large public utility with over 122,000 customers. While overseeing all water production/treatment, data analytics, and distribution system water quality, Jacob was engaged in strong customer service and regulatory legislative affairs. Prior to that role, Jacob worked as a Project Manager for the Southwest Florida Water Management District completing oversight on a vast array of projects, such as transmission, production, pumping, residential conservation through automated metering infrastructure, and leak detection. Jacob also has worked with the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection providing operator certification training in water treatment, distribution, and wastewater system operations.

Jacob, a graduate of Western Kentucky University, holds a master's degree in public health, with heavy emphasis in all aspects of environmental health and earned his bachelor's degree in environmental science. The majority of Jacob's career has been dedicated to public service and understands that the number one priority is providing safe and aesthetically pleasing drinking water to our customers in south central Kentucky.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WATER QUALITY

Simpson County Water District:
270-598-9926 simpsonwater.com

White House Utility District (WHUD):
615-672-411 whud.org

Kentucky Division of Water:
502-564-3410 water.ky.gov

U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline:
800-426-4791 epa.gov/safewater/hfacts.html

GET INVOLVED

We strive to maintain a strong relationship with our community, so we continually welcome your comments and the increased opportunity to serve you. Simpson Water Board Meetings are open to the public and are held at 1:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Simpson Water office located at 108 Morgantown Rd., Franklin, KY. Please call us at 270-598-9926 for more information.

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ATTENCION

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.



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