2021 Water Quality Report

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Your drinking water is currently purchased from Louisville Water Co. (LWC). The intake for the LWC is located on the Ohio River near the Zorn pumping station on Zorn Avenue. The Ohio River is classified as surface water. LWC also draws water through the aquifer with 5 river bank infiltration wells at the B.E. Payne Water Treatment Plant. These well are classified as ground water. The source water assessment plan looks at LWC's susceptibility to potential sources of contamination. The plan identifies spills of hazardous materials on the Ohio River and permitted discharges of sanitary sewers as the highest contamination risks. In Jefferson Co., land use in the protection area is primarily for residential and commercial use, with only a few industrial sites. In Oldham and Trimble Counties land use is primarily zoned for residential and agricultural use. Therefore, source water contaminant risks are relatively low. LWC maintains a preparedness and disaster services plan that addresses potential contaminant risks. To view the entire source water assessment and protection plan, contact LWC (502) 569-3688.

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, (μ g/L). One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in 10,000,000.

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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.

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.

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he State has reduced monitoring significantly from year to year. S	-								contaminants are not expected to van
contacting our office during bu			-	-		-	-	-	
Dististribution System., D						D– D.E. 1 a y 10	e water freat	incht i fant,	
Regulated Contaminant				aylorsvill					
Contaminant	I est Resul		-	Report Range			Date of	Violation	Likely Source of
			Source		of Detection			violation	Contamination
[code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Ň	Level			Sample		
Inorganic Contaminants			1		1		-		
Fluoride			A=	0.7	0.7 te	o 0.7	2021	No	Water additive which promotes
1025] (ppm)	4	4	B=	0.6	0.6 to	o 0.6	2021	No	strong teeth
Nitrate			A=	1.4	0.6 te	o 1.4	2021	No	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from
[1040] (ppm)	10	10	B=	0.4	0.1 to	o 0.4	2021	No	septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite			A=	0.011	BDL to	o 0.011	2021	No	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from
[1041] (ppm)	1	1							septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Synthetic Organic Conta	minants i	ncluding P	estici	des and H	erbicides			1	
2,4-D			A=	0.29	BDL to	o 0.29	2021	No	Runoff from herbicide used on ro
2105] (ppb)	70	70							crops
Disinfectants/Disinfection	n Byprodu	cts and Pro					-		1
Fotal Organic Carbon (ppm)			A=	1.36	0.72 te	o 2.04	2021	No	
report level=lowest avg.	TT*	N/A							Naturally present in environment.
range of monthly ratios)									
Monthly ratio is the % TOC ren	noval achieve	d to the % TO	Cremo	val required.	Annual avera	ge must be 1.00	or greater for co	ompliance.	
Chloramines	MRDL	MRDLG		1.97					Water additive used to control
(ppm)	= 4	= 4	D=	(highest average)	0.56 te	o 2.20	2021	No	microbes.
HAA (ppb) (Stage 2)									Damas da et ef daiabia e acetea
[Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	D=	17	2.5 to	p 28.1	2021	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
				(average)	(range of in	ndividual sites)			disinfection
TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2)									D 1 (C1) 1
total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	D=	28	11 te	11 to 40		No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
				(average) (range of individual sit		ndividual sites)			disinfection.
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Household Plumbing Co		ts	1	1	1		1	-	1
Copper [1022] (ppm)	AL =		1	0.148					Corrosion of household plumbing
sites exceeding action level	1.3	1.3	D=	(90 th	0.005 to	o 0.335	Sept-2020	No	systems
0			<u> </u>	percentile)			_		
Lead [1030] (ppb)	AL =			2					Corrosion of household plumbing
ites exceeding action level	15	0	D=	(90 th percentile)	0 te	o 35	Sept-2020	No	systems
Other Constituents		1		percentue)					1
Turbidity (NTU) TT	Allowable Levels		ee.	Highest Single Measurement		Lowest	Violation		
* Representative samples			Source			Monthly %			Likely Source of Turbidity
Furbidity is a measure of the	No more than 1 NTU* Less than 0.3 NTU in		A=	().09	100	No		
clarity of the water and not a			B=	0.07		100	No		Soil runoff
contaminant.	95% monthl		1	I		1	1	1	

This report will not be sent to individual customers. It will be available at City Hall.