

# Fleming-Neon Water Company

## Water Quality Report 2023

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Fleming Neon Water Company distributes treated water for the towns of Fleming-Neon, McRoberts, Haymond, Jackhorn, and Seco. Fleming Neon Water Company treats ground water from a well located in Sheasfork in the community of McRoberts. A Source Water Assessment indicates that the susceptibility to contamination is generally low. However, a few areas of concern have been identified including transportation corridors through the protection area, heating oil tanks, mining operations and other business activities that have the potential for release of hazardous chemicals. The complete Source Water Assessment Plan can be reviewed at the Fleming Neon City Hall. Fleming Neon also purchases water from Jenkins (Jenkins Lake) and Knott Co. Water Dist.(Carr Fork Lake). Source Water Assessments have been completed and the susceptibility of contamination for Carr Fork and Jenkins Lake is moderate. Activities which pose a threat to water quality include transportation corridors, mining activities, oil and gas wells, untreated sewage; and solid waste. These activities are of interest to the entire community because they could potentially affect your health and the cost of treating your water. The complete Source Water Assessment Plans are available for review at the respective water systems and Kentucky River Area Development District office in Hazard, 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:

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 water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact your local water system. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available 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 request a paper copy call (606) 855-7916.

**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.**

**Regulated Contaminant Test Results Fleming-Neon Water Company**

| Contaminant<br>[code] (units)                                      | MCL         | MCLG         | Report<br>Level              | Range<br>of Detection                  | Date of<br>Sample | Violation | Likely Source of<br>Contamination   |
|--|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>                                      |             |              |                              |  |                   |           |   |
| Barium<br>[1010] (ppm)   | 2           | 2            | 0.025                        | 0.025 to 0.025                         | Feb-23            | No        | Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits                      |
| Fluoride<br>[1025] (ppm)   | 4           | 4            | 0.88                         | 0.88 to 0.88                           | Feb-23            | No        | Water additive which promotes strong teeth  |
| Nitrate<br>[1040] (ppm)  | 10          | 10           | 0.33                         | 0.33 to 0.33                           | Feb-23            | No        | Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits  |
| Selenium<br>[1045] (ppb)   | 50          | 50           | 4                            | 4 to 4                                 | Feb-23            | No        | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries or mines; erosion of natural deposits |
| <b>Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors</b>        |             |              |                              |  |                   |           |   |
| Chlorine<br>(ppm)  | MRDL<br>= 4 | MRDLG<br>= 4 | 1.32<br>(highest<br>average) | 1.05 to 1.55                           | 2023              | No        | Water additive used to control microbes.  |
| HAA (ppb) (Stage 2)<br>[Haloacetic acids]<br>(Annual Sample)       | 60          | N/A          | 14<br>(high site)            | 2 to 14<br>(range of individual sites) | 2023              | No        | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection  |
| TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2)<br>[total trihalomethanes]<br>(Annual Sample) | 80          | N/A          | 7<br>(high site)             | 5 to 7<br>(range of individual sites)  | 2023              | No        | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.   |

**Violations 2024-9528164**

Fleming Neon Water Company 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 January of 2024 we did not complete all monitoring or testing for Total Coliforms, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.\** Every month we are required to take 3 samples for Total Coliform bacteriological analysis in the distribution system and report those results to the Division of Water by the tenth of the following month. In January we only took 2 samples by mistake. We have since taken steps to rectify the problem by keeping better track of the number of samples we pull each month. 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. For more information, please contact Nathaniel Wilder at 606-634-0295 or PO Box 66, Neon, KY 41840.

*\*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.\**

**Regulated Contaminant Test Results Jenkins Water System (J) Knott Co Water Dist. (K)**

| Contaminant<br>[code] (units) | MCL | MCLG | Source | Report<br>Level | Range<br>of Detection | Date of<br>Sample | Violation | Likely Source of<br>Contamination   |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|--------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>Inorganic Contaminants</b> |     |      |        |                 |                       |                   |           |   |
| Barium<br>[1010] (ppm)        | 2   | 2    | J=     | 0.047           | 0.047 to 0.047        | 2023              | No        | Drilling wastes; metal refineries;<br>erosion of natural deposits                         |
| Fluoride<br>[1025] (ppm)      | 4   | 4    | J=     | 0.64            | 0.64 to 0.64          | 2023              | No        | Water additive which promotes<br>strong teeth   |
|                               |     |      | K=     | 0.41            | 0.41 to 0.41          | 2023              | No        |   |
| Nitrate<br>[1040] (ppm)       | 10  | 10   | J=     | 0.254           | 0.254 to 0.254        | 2023              | No        | Fertilizer runoff; leaching from<br>septic tanks, sewage; erosion of<br>natural deposits  |
| Selenium<br>[1045] (ppb)      | 50  | 50   | K=     | 0.5             | 0.5 to 0.5            | 2023              | No        | Discharge from petroleum and<br>metal refineries or mines; erosion<br>of natural deposits |

**Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors**

|   |     |     |    |      |              |      |    |                                   |
|---|-----|-----|----|------|--------------|------|----|-----------------------------------|
| Total Organic Carbon (ppm)<br>(report level=lowest avg.<br>range of monthly ratios) | TT* | N/A | J= | 1.43 | 1.00 to 2.76 | 2023 | No | Naturally present in environment. |
|   |     |     | K= | 1.29 | 1.00 to 2.37 | 2023 | No |                                   |

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

**Other Constituents**

| Turbidity (NTU) TT  | Allowable<br>Levels  | Source | Highest Single<br>Measurement | Lowest<br>Monthly % | Violation | Likely Source of Turbidity |
|---|--|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| * Representative samples  |  |        |                               |                     |           |                            |
| Turbidity is a measure of the<br>clarity of the water and not a<br>contaminant. | No more than 1 NTU*<br>Less than 0.3 NTU in<br>95% monthly samples | J=     | 0.06                          | 100                 | No        | Soil runoff                |
|   |  | K=     | 0.083                         | 100                 | No        |                            |