Some or all of these definitions may be found in this report:

Level 1 Assessment - A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

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.

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Harrison Co. Water Association Water Quality Report 2023

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This report is designed to inform the public about the quality of water and services provided on a daily basis. Our commitment is to provide a safe, clean, and reliable supply of drinking water. We want to assure that we will continue to monitor, improve, and protect the water system and deliver a high quality product.

Harrison Co. Water Association provides purchased water from several suppliers. Some of our suppliers purchase water from other producers. All of the water for our system comes from producers that treat surface water. The producers and their sources include:
City of Cynthiana withdraws from South Fork of Licking River; Kentucky-American Water withdraws from Kentucky River and Jacobson Reservoir; the City of Carlisle withdraws from the main Licking. Each of the producers has conducted an analysis of susceptibility to contamination and the overall susceptibility is considered moderate to moderately high. Areas of high concern include transportation corridors, underground and above ground storage tanks, agricultural land use, industrial sites, and waste generators. The respective Source Water Assessment Plans are available for review at each of the water producers. Contact information for our suppliers can be obtained by calling our office at 859-234-4284.

For specific service areas contact the Harrison Co. Water Association. General service areas for each producer:
Cynthiana, and Carlisle – blended water serves all of Harrison County, parts of Nicholas County, parts of Scott County, parts of Pendleton County, and the northern half of Bourbon County.
Kentucky-American Water – serves northeastern and northwestern parts of Bourbon County.

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.

Suppliers: Carlisle (C), Cynthiana (CY), Kentucky-American (KA), Western Fleming (WF)

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.

	Allowable Levels	Source	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation	Likely Source of Turbidity
Turbidity (NTU) TT	No more than 1 NTU*	C=	0.29	100	No	Soil runoff
* Representative samples	Less than 0.3 NTU in	CY=	0.153	100	No	
of filtered water	95% monthly samples	KA=	0.07	100	No	
		WF=	0.055	100	No	

Regulated Contaminant Test Results:

Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Source	Report Level	Range of Detection	Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants								
Alpha emitters [4000] (pCi/L)	15	0	CY=	3.9	3.9 to 3.9	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants								
Arsenic [1005] (ppb)	10	N/A	KA=	2	2 to 2	2023	No	Natural erosion; runoff from orchards or glass and electronics production wastes
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	C=	0.014	0.014 to 0.014	2023	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
			CY=	0.02	0.02 to 0.02			
			WF=	0.018	0.018 to 0.018			
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	C=	0.63	0.63 to 0.63	2023	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
			CY=	0.84	0.84 to 0.84			
			KA=	0.76	0.76 to 0.76			
			WF=	0.43	0.43 to 0.43			
Nitrate [1040] (ppm)	10	10	C=	0.262	0.262 to 0.262	2023	No	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
			CY=	2.7	2.7 to 2.7			
			KA=	0.48	0.48 to 0.48			
			WF=	0.228	0.228 to 0.228			
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides								
2,4-D [2105] (ppb)	70	70	KA=	BDL	BDL to 0.3	2023	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Atrazine [2050] (ppb)	3	3	CY=	BDL	BDL to 0.29	2023	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors								
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (report level=lowest avg. range of monthly ratios)	TT*	N/A	C=	1.61	1.32 to 2.16	2023	No	Naturally present in environment.
			CY=	1.58	0.83 to 2.61			
			KA=	1.75	1.03 to 3.23			
			WF=	1.47	1.16 to 2.1			
*Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.								
Chlorite (ppm)	1	0.8	CY=	0.810 (average)	0.37 to 0.84	2023	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine dioxide (ppb)	MRDL = 800	MRDLG = 800	CY=	320	0 to 320	2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes.

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Chloramines (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.05 (highest average)	0.51 to 2.12	2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.05 (highest average)	0.24 to 1.71	2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
HAA (ppb) (Stage 2) [Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	60 (high site average)	24 to 123 (range of individual sites)	2023	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2) [total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	60 (high site average)	7.2 to 95.8 (range of individual sites)	2023	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Household Plumbing Contaminants							
Copper [1022] (ppm) Roun sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.05 (90^{th} percentile)	0 to 0.13	Aug-21	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead [1030] (ppb) Round 1 sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 15	0	0 (90^{th} percentile)	0 to 6.8	Aug-21	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

Unregulated Contaminants (UCMR 5)	average	range (ppb)	date
perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	0.925	0 to 3.7	2023
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (6:2FTS)	4.3	0 to 11.1	2023
perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA)	2.375	0 to 5.2	2023

Your drinking water at Kentucky American Water has been sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. There are no MCLs and therefore no violations if found. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA determine where the contaminants occur and whether they should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that these data are available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact our office during normal business hours.

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