

# 2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

**South Sabine WSC**

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## **Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, People with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:**

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. The EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lesson the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)

## **Public Participation Opportunities**

**Date:** Tuesday July 8, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Location:** Water Office, 807 Fairdale Rd.

**Phone No:** 409-579-4185

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

## **Our Drinking Water**

### **Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements**

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

**WATER SOURCES:** 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 can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

### ***En Espanol***

Este informe incluye informacion importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. N/A

### **Where do we get our drinking water?**

Our drinking water is obtained from GROUND water sources. It comes from the following Aquifer: CATAHOULA FORMATION. A source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water source is currently being updated by the Texas commission on Environmental Quality and will be provided to us this year. The report will describe the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come in contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment will allow us to focus our source water protection strategies. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

### **All drinking water may contain contaminants.**

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefit to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. 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 can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### **Secondary Constituents**

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color and odor and are called secondary constituents and are problems. The taste and odor constituents regulated by the state of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

### **About The Following Pages**

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U. S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**

The highest permissible level of a contaminant 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 health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

#### **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)**

The highest level of 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 contamination.

#### **Treatment Technique (TT)**

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

#### **Action Level (AL)**

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

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**NTU**-Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**MFL**- million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

**pCi/L**- picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**ppm**- parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

**ppb**- parts per billion, or micrograms per liter

**ppt**- parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

**ppq**- parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

### Inorganic Contaminants

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2002	Barium	0.006	0.006	0.006	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
2005	Fluoride	0.4	0.4	0.4	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water ; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2007	Nitrate	0.03	0.03	0.03	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits.

### Organic Contaminants

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum level	Maximum Level MCL	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2002	Toluene	0.9	0.9	0.9	1000	1000	ppb	Discharge from Petroleum factories

### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Disinfectant
2007	Chlorine Residual, Free	0.74	0.57	0.84	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes

### Disinfection Byproducts

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2007	Total Haloacetic Acids	17.7	17.7	17.7	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2007	Total Trihalomethanes	54.1	54.1	54.1	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

### Unregulated Contaminants

Bromoform, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of measure	Source of Contaminant
2002	Chloromethane	2.9	2.9	2.9	ppb	
2007	Chloroform	16	16	16	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
2007	Bromodichloromethane	11	11	11	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
2007	Dibromochloromethane	4.7	4.7	4.7	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

## Lead and Copper

Year	Contaminant	The 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
1999	Lead	1.9	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
1999	Copper	0.037	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

**Turbidity** NOT REQUIRED

**Total Coliform** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO COLIFORM BACTYERIA

**Fecal Coliform** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA

Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated  
(No associated adverse health effects)

Year	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2005	Bicarbonate	253	253	253	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone
2005	Chloride	38	38	38	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification, byproduct of oil field activities
2002	Copper	0.019	0.019	0.019	1	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
2002	Iron	0.065	0.065	0.06	.3	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits,; iron or steel water delivery equipment of facilities.
2002	Lead	0.005	0.005	0.005	NA	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2002	Manganese	0.009	0.009	0.009	0.5	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2005	pH	7.9	7.9	7.9	7	Units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2002	Sodium	94	94	94	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2005	Sulfate	16	16	16	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity
2005	Total alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	207	207	207	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2005	Total Dissolved solids	331	331	331	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.