

Understanding Your WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual water quality report that a community water system is required by law to provide to its customers each year by July 1st. Your CCR can help you make informed choices about the water you drink.

Your CCR Provides Need-To-Know Information

SUCH AS:



Where your **water comes from**—such as an aquifer, lake, river, or other source.



A list of **regulated contaminants** that the CWS detected and the level.



Potential **health effects** from consuming contaminated water and additional safeguards against water-related illnesses.



Contaminant levels in your CCR compared to national standards and any violations of health-based standards.

Sample Water Quality Data Table

Your CCR will also include a water quality data table that may look similar to this:

- 1** **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** If the value in the “Your Water” column is below this MCLG there is no known or expected risk to your health.
- 2** **Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG):** If the value in the “Your Water” column is below the MRDLG there is no known or expected risk to your health.
- 3** **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** If the value in the “Your Water” column is above the MCL, the system is in violation of EPA’s regulations.
- 4** **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Sources
				Low	High			
Disinfectant Residual								
Chloramine (as Cl ₂) (mg/L)	4	4	1	1	3	2008	No	Water additive to control microbes.
Inorganic Contaminants								
Antimony (ppb)	6	6	ND	N/A		2008	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Radioactive Contaminants								
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	4*	1	4	2006	No	Erosion of natural deposits

- 5** **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in your drinking water. A certain amount of disinfectant has been shown to help control germs and microbes in the water.
- 6** **Your Water:** The highest level of that contaminant found in your water during sampling.
- 7** **Range detected:** The “range” refers to the levels—high and low—at which contaminants were detected in your drinking water.
- 8** **Violation:** Shows if a contaminant is present in your drinking water is above the level allowed by EPA.

WHY don't I get a CCR?



If you **don't pay your own water bill** because you live in an apartment, condo, or rental property or you get your water from a private ground water well, you don't receive a CCR. Renters can contact their building manager or search online to see if your CWS publishes its CCR.

Questions Or Concerns About Your CCR



CALL EPA'S SAFE WATER HOTLINE at 1-800-426-4791 if you would like to know more about your CCR, how to locate your local water company, or for more resources.



CONTACT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER if you are sensitive to contaminants or if you are at higher risk of infections.



CONTACT YOUR WATER COMPANY for information on how to remove chemicals and microbes from your water source.

For more information, visit: epa.gov/ccr