

TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

MO1071079

2009 Annual Water Quality Report

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made to provide safe drinking water.

What is the source of my water?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater 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.

Our water comes from the following source(s): **Groundwater-Wells located in the Missouri River Alluvium. We have an award winning Groundwater Protection Plan which controls activity around the wells.**

Why are there contaminants in my water?

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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- A. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- B. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- C. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- D. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- E. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Department of Natural Resources prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department of Health regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources regulates our water system and requires us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. Our system has been assigned the identification number MO1071079 for the purposes of tracking our test results. Our water is routinely tested for a variety of contaminants. The detectable results of these tests are on the following pages of this report. Any violations of state requirements or standards will be further explained later in this report.

We at Tri-County are proud of the fact that since we started service in 1993 we have had no violations.

How might I become actively involved?

If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affects drinking water quality or if you have any further questions about your drinking water report, please call us at 816-796-4100 to inquire about scheduled meetings or contact persons.

Do I need to take special precautions?

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).

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Contaminants Report

Definitions:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or 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.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level, or 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.

AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

TT: Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

90th percentile: For Lead and Copper testing. 10% of test results are above this level and 90% are below this level.

Level Found: Is the average of all test results for a particular contaminant.

Range of Detections: Shows the lowest and highest levels found during a test period, if only one sample was taken, this number equals the Level Found.

MRLDG: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal, or the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health.

MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level, or the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

Abbreviations:

PPB: parts per billion or micrograms per liter

PPM: parts per million or milligrams per liter

n/a: not applicable

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water

MFL: million fibers per liter, used to measure asbestos concentration.

nd: not detectable at testing limits

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. Records with a sample year more than one year old are still considered representative.

Regulated

<u>Inorganic</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>Level Found</u>	<u>Range of Detection</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Sample Year</u>
ARSENIC	ppb	10	n/a	1.0600	1.06-1.69	No	2008

Sources of Arsenic:

Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from grass and electronics plants wastes

BARIUM	ppb	2000		36.2	36.2-41.9	No	2008
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Sources of Barium:

Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

FLUORIDE	ppm	4	4	0.1600	0.16-0.18	No	2008
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Sources of Fluoride:

Erosion of Natural Deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

NITRATE+NITRITE (as N)	ppm	10	10	0.09	<0.05-0.09	No	2009
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Sources of Nitrate+Nitrite (as N):

Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

<u>Disinfection By-Products</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>Level Found</u>	<u>Range of Detection</u>	<u>Violation</u>	<u>Sample Year</u>
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)	ppb	80	n/a	< 2.0	<2.0-19.4	No	2007
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (THAA)	ppb	60	n/a	<13.5	4.76-15.3	No	2007

Sources of TTHM and THAA: By-Products of Drinking water chlorination

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Optional Monitoring (not required by EPA)

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<u>Inorganic</u>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Level Found</i>	<i>Range of Detections</i>	<i>Sample Year</i>
ALKALINITY, CaCO3 STABILITY	ppm	85.9	85.9-106	2008
ALKALINITY TOTAL	ppm	73	73	2005
CALCIUM	ppm	11.4	11.4-12.4	2008
CHLORIDE	ppm	22.4	22.4-24.5	2008
HARDNESS, CARBONATE	ppm	96.9	96.9	2005
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	ppm	98.1	98.1-130	2008
IRON, DISSOLVED	ppb	10.0	10.0-34.1	2008
MAGNESIUM	ppm	16.9	16-16.9	2008
MANGANESE	ppb	4.6	4.6	2008
PH	ppm	8.45	7.99-8.45	2008
POTASSIUM	ppm	6.53	5.67-6.53	2008
SODIUM	ppm	33.4	33.4-39.1	2008
SOLIDS, TOTAL DISSOLVED (TDS)	ppm	227	227	2008
SULFATE	ppm	69.8	64.7-69.8	2008
<u>Volatile Organic</u>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Level Found</i>	<i>Range of Detections</i>	<i>Sample Year</i>
BROMOCHLOROACETIC ACID	ppb	<2.5	<2.5-4.78	2007
BROMODICHLOROMETHANE	ppb	<0.5	<0.5-6.62	2008
BROMOFORM	ppb	<0.5	<0.5-1.29	2008
CHLORODIBROMOMETHANE	ppb	3.6750	3.11-4.24	2005
CHLOROFORM	ppb	0.89	0.89-7.3	2008
DIBROMOACETIC ACID	ppb	2.8100	2.81	2005
DICHLOROACETIC ACID	ppb	<4	<4-5.86	2007