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2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Our Drinking Water Is Regulated

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.

Source of Drinking Water

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 include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Where Do We Get Our Drinking Water?

The source of drinking water used by the City of Webster is purchased surface water. It comes from the City of Houston. The TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Shannon Hicks, P.E. Director of Public Works.

All Drinking Water May Contain Contaminants

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health benefits 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 problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are 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.

Required Additional Health Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of 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. The City of Webster is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

For More Information

To learn more about the information included in this report, please contact Shannon Hicks, P.E., at (281) 316-3700.

En Español

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono (281) 316-3700.



Definitions

In the table you might find terms and abbreviations with which you are not familiar. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level (AL) – the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG) – the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Avg. – Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.

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.

mrem – millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).

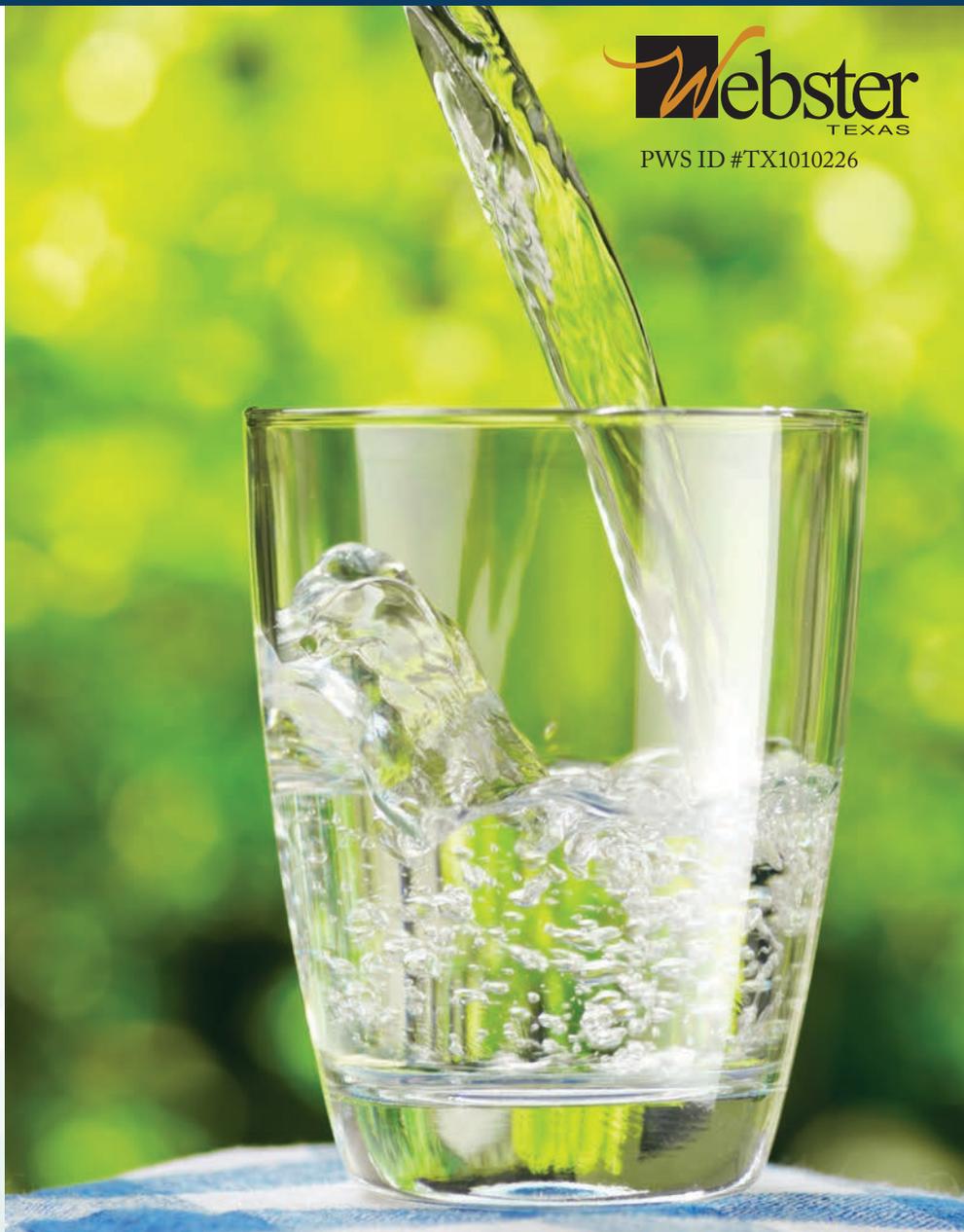
NA – not applicable.

NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units.

Parts per billion (ppb) – micrograms per liter (µg/l) or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

Parts per million (ppm) – milligrams per liter (mg/l) or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique (TT) – a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.



2013 Test Results

We routinely monitor for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The test results table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2013.

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).

Inorganic Contaminants

| Contaminant (Units) | Violation | Collection Date | Highest Single Sample | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|---|
| Barium (ppm) | N | 01/14/08 | 0.0527 | 0.0527-0.0527 | 2 | 2 | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride (ppm) | N | 05/03/11 | 0.65 | 0.65-0.65 | 4 | 4.0 | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) (ppm) | N | 2013 | 0.25 | 0.24-0.25 | 10 | 10 | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |

Lead and Copper

| Contaminant (Units) | Date Sampled | MCLG | Action Level (AL) | 90th Percentile | # Sites Over AL | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination |
|---------------------|--------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--|
| Copper (ppm) | 2013 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.03 | 0 | N | Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; corrosion of household plumbing systems |
| Lead (ppb) | 2013 | 0 | 15 | 5.39 | 0 | N | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits |

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at the homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Radioactive Contaminants

| Contaminant (Units) | Violation | Collection Date | Highest Single Sample | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|--|
| Beta/photon emitters (pCi/L)* | N | 01/14/08 | 4.7 | 4.7-4.7 | 0 | 50 | Decay of natural and man-made deposits |

**EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.*

Disinfection By-Products

| Contaminant (Units) | Violation | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----|---|
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb) | N | 2013 | 31 | 24 | No goal for total | 60 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb) | N | 2013 | 39 | 43 | | 80 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Disinfectants

| Contaminant (Units) | Violation | Collection Date | Average Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MRDLG | MRDL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------|------|---|
| Chlorine (ppm) | N | 2013 | 2.89 | 1.46-3.64 | 4.0 | 4.0 | Water additive used to control microbes |

Synthetic Organic Contaminants (including pesticides and herbicides)

| Contaminant (Units) | Violation | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|--|
| Atrazine (ppb) | N | 2013 | 0.34 | 0.19-0.34 | 3 | 3 | Runoff from herbicide used on row crops |
| Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (ppb) | N | 2013 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 6 | Discharge from rubber and chemical factories |
| Simazine (ppb) | N | 2013 | 0.12 | 0.1-0.12 | 4 | 4 | Herbicide runoff |