



"Inspiring a Vibrant Community"

Consumer Confidence Report for Calendar Year 2018

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua usted bebe.
Tradúscalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Verde Village 2, 4 and 5

Public Water System ID Number		Public Water System Name	
AZ04-13104		Cottonwood Municipal Water VV2	
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<p>We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you have any questions about the annual drinking water report, or if you would like to learn more about your drinking water system and what you can do to protect your drinking water sources, please contact us at 928-634-0186 or visit www.cottonwoodaz.gov/utilities</p>			

Drinking Water Sources

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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 pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water source(s):	<p>The City of Cottonwood's water service area for System 13-104 includes all areas in Verde Village 2, 4 and 5. Within this service area boundary, there are 5 wells and 5 storage tanks (combined total of 310,000 gallons). The City pumps all of its water from deep groundwater wells and uses chlorination for disinfection.</p> <p>The five well sites in this system are 2-1 (EPDS001), 2-2 (EPDS002), 4-1 (EPDS003), 4-2 (EPDS004), 5-1- (EPDS005).</p>
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Drinking Water Contaminants

<p>Microbial Contaminants: Such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife</p> <p>Inorganic Contaminants: Such as salts and metals that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming</p> <p>Pesticides and Herbicides: Such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses that may come from a variety of sources</p>	<p>Organic Chemical Contaminants: Such as synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.</p> <p>Radioactive Contaminants: That can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.</p>
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Vulnerable Population

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. 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.

For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and microbiological contaminants call the EPA *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* at 1-800-426-4791.

Source Water Assessment

- **LOW RISK:** Based on the information currently available on the hydrogeology and the land uses adjacent to or within the specified distance of the drinking water source(s) for this public water system, the department has given a low risk designation for the degree to which this public water system drinking water source(s) are protected. A low risk designation indicates that most source water protection measures are either already implemented, or the hydrogeology is such that the source water protection measures will have little impact on protection.
- Further source water assessment documentation can be obtained by contacting ADEQ.

Definitions

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

Level 1 Assessment: A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria was present

Level 2 Assessment: A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria was present

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The level of disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of disinfectant added for treatment at which no known or anticipated adverse effect on health of persons would occur

EPDS: Entry Point Into Distribution System- the point at which water is discharged into the distribution system from a well, storage tank, pressure tank or water treatment plant.

DSMRT: Distribution Maximum Residence Time- A location that provides water to customers, where the water has been in the system longest relative to the EPDS.

RAA: Running Annual Average- an average of monitoring results for the previous 12 calendar months or previous 4 quarters.

Minimum Reporting Limit (MRL): The smallest measured concentration of a substance that can be reliably measured by a given analytical method

Millirems per year (MREM): A measure of radiation absorbed by the body

Not Applicable (NA): Sampling was not completed by regulation or was not required

Not Detected (ND or <): Not detectable at reporting limit

Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU): A measure of water clarity

Million fibers per liter (MFL)

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): Measure of the radioactivity in water

ppm: Parts per million or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb: Parts per billion or Micrograms per liter (µg/L)

ppt: Parts per trillion or Nanograms per liter (ng/L)

ppq: Parts per quadrillion or Picograms per liter (pg/L)

ppm x 1000 = ppb

ppb x 1000 = ppt

ppt x 1000 = ppq

Lead Informational Statement:

Lead, in drinking water, is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. **Cottonwood Municipal Water** 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. 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 www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Water Quality Data – Regulated Contaminants

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The State of Arizona requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old.

We did not include the results for Total Coliform Bacteria, E.Coli, Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOC) including Pesticides, Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOC), Cadmium, Mercury, Selenium, Antimony, Beryllium, Cyanide, Nickel, Thallium, Nitrite, Haloacetic Acids (HAA5), Asbestos, Combined Radium, and Aroclor (PCB Screening test) in this report, as the results were **non-detect** (ND). If you have questions on a particular contaminant, please contact Mike Traynor – Utilities Operations Manager at (928) 634-0186 ext. 3306.

These tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018 unless otherwise noted.

Disinfectants	MCL Violation Y or N	Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MRDL	MRDLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	N	0.63	0.53 – 0.63	4	0	Qtrly 2018	Water additive used to control microbes
Lead & Copper	MCL Violation Y or N	90 th Percentile	Number of Samples Exceeds AL	AL	ALG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	N	0.195	0	1.3	1.3	8/2016	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	N	2.3	0	15	0	8/2016	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Radionuclides	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	N	0.8	0-0.8	15	0	3/2016	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic ¹ (ppb)	N	7	0-21	10	0	Qtrly 2018	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	N	0.56	0.47 – 0.56	2	2	5/2018	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	N	0.35	0.27 – 0.35	4	4	5/2018	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate ² (ppm)	N	1.3	0.39 – 1.3	10	10	5/2018	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Sodium (ppm)	N	42	23 (EPDS 002) 27 (EPDS 003) 39 (EPDS 001) 41 (EPDS 004) 42 (EPDS 005)	N/A	N/A	5/2018 3/2016	Erosion of natural deposits
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¹ **Arsenic** is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentration and is linked to other health effects, such as skin damage and circulatory problems. If arsenic is less than or equal to the MCL, your drinking water meets EPA's standards. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water, and continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic.

² **Nitrate** in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause "blue baby syndrome." Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Violation Summary (for MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, or Monitoring & Reporting Requirement)

Violation Type - Arsenic	Explanation Health Effects : <i>Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory systems and may have an increased risk of cancer</i>	Time Period	Corrective Actions
Reporting Failure 1 st Qtr. 2018 EPDS 002, EPDS 003, EPDS 004 and EPDS 005	Test Results reports were sent in after the due date.	Report was due April 10, 2018 Report was sent May 4, 2018	Staff revised the reporting schedule and included numerous automated notification to ensure compliance with this reporting requirement.
Reporting Failure- EPDS 005	Testing was completed however a confirmation sample was required. The City had chosen to go with a different third- party certified laboratory than the original sample and a form was incorrect.	07/1/2018 – 09/30/2018	The City plans to contact ADEQ to correct the form and clear up the violation in the database.
Reporting Failure- 4 th Qtr. 2018 EPDS 005	Test result reports were submitted on time but were incorrect due to contract laboratory error. Data was corrected and re-submitted on January 11, 2019	Report was due on January 10, 2019 Report was resubmitted on January 11, 2019	The City contacted the laboratory and explained that due to the accuracy of the documentation that we would be receiving a violation. In response, the laboratory tightened their review process, shortened the reporting time period and is improving its coordination with the City.

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.