

# 2023 Drinking Water Quality Report Lindale Rural WSC-DC ID#2120011

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## *En Espanol*

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en espanol, favor de llamar al tel. 903-882-3335

### **Public Participation Opportunities**

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: 15934 CR 431 Lindale, TX**

**Phone No: (903) 882-3335**

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your water), or to request to schedule one, please call Carlos Carreon at (903) 882-3335

**For more information on this report, please call Carlos Carreon at (903) 882-3335.**

### **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 data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required test and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

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

Our drinking water is obtained from the GROUND water sources. It comes from the CARRIZO-WILCOX formation in Smith County, Texas.

The TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of your sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detection of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confident Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Lindale Rural WSC-DC (903) 882-3335.

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For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at the following URL: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview>

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL: <http://dww2.tceq.texas.gov/DWW/>

## Sources 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.

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 at (800) 426-4791.

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.

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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

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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 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.

## **Special Notice for The Elderly, Infants, Cancer Patients, People With HIV/Aids or Other Immune Problems**

**You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).**

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## Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

- Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
- Maximum Contaminant Level or 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 or 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 or 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 or 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.
- Action Level Goal or 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.
- Action Level or AL: the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- MFL million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- mrem: millirems per year (a measure of asbestos)
- na: not applicable.
- NTU nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)
- pCi/L picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
- ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
- ppt parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
- ppq parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)
- Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems to determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

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The state requires us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these containments do not frequently. Some of our data, thought representative, is more than one year old.

## Lead and Copper

Lead and Copper	Sample Year	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violations	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead	2023	0	15	No Detect	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2023	1.3	1.3	0.146	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

## 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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we 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>.

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## Disinfectants Byproducts

Disinfectants By-Products	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	1.0	1.0-1.0	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	28	27.6-27.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination

## Disinfectant Residual

	Sample Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Violation (Y/N)	Source in Drinking Water
Chlorine	2023	1.44	0.52-2.2	<4	4	ppm	N	Disinfectant used to control microbes

## Inorganic Contaminants

	Sample Year	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2023	0.075	0.074-0.075	2	2	ppm	N	Discharged of drilling wastes; discharged from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2023	0.139	0.115-0.139	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharged from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

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Nitrate (Measured as Nitrogen)	2023	0.0422	0.0193- 0.0422	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
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### Radioactive Contaminants

	Sample Year	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2021	1.5	1.5-1.5	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	2021	<3.0	No Detect	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta / photon emitters	2021	4.1	4.1-4.1	0	50	pCi/L	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined Uranium	2021	<0.001	No Detect	0	0.03	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits

### Synthetic Organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides

	Sample Year	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	2023	1	0.5-0.5	0	6	ppb	N	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories

### Volatile Organic Contaminants

	Sample Year	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Xylenes	2023	<0.5	No Detect	10	10	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum

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								factories; Discharge from chemical factories
Toluene	2023	0.00337	0-0.00337	1	1	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum factories

### Coliform Bacteria

Maximum Contaminant Level	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E.Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E.Coli of Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample	1	0	0	N	Naturally present in the environment

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. The EPA has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels. Please call our office if you have questions between the hours 8am and 5pm Monday-Friday at (903) 882-3335.

### 2023 Water Loss LRWSC-DC TX2120011

In the water loss audit submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for the time period of January-December 2023, our system lost an estimated 9,625,568 gallons of water.

If you have any questions about the water loss audit, please call Lindale Rural WSC-DC (903)882-3335