

## RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

### **2016 PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM REPORT ON PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS**

#### **California Health and Safety Code Section 116470(b)**

The City of Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) submits the following public water system report on Public Health Goals (PHGs) to satisfy the requirements of the California Health and Safety Code Section 116470(b). An excerpt from the California Health and Safety Code describing the requirements for the PHG report is detailed in Exhibit 1.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the PHG report is to provide our customers information in addition to the Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) mailed to each customer in June. The PHG report provides additional information on the levels of constituents below the enforceable mandatory Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) and an estimate of the cost to eliminate any trace of the constituents from drinking water regardless of the level of risk. The PHG report was prepared from data listed in the annual CCRs, which is attached in Exhibit 2. A table of regulated constituents and corresponding MCLs, PHGs, or Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) is provided in Exhibit 3.

RPU is proud to provide its customers with water that meets all federal and state drinking water standards. The PHG report specifies the constituents in RPU drinking water that are above their respective state PHG or federal (MCLG) during calendar years 2013 to 2015. Both the PHG and MCLG represent non-enforceable goals, at which a theoretical minimal risk to public health is expected. These goals are useful tools for establishing drinking water standards. The PHG report elaborates on the following three important realities of drinking water safety:

- Drinking water in full compliance with existing water quality standards may expose customers to some level of risk, although very low in comparison with other sources of health risk.
- There can be significant costs and technology limitations associated with water treatment to reduce such low risks.
- No large public water system can meet all PHGs and MCLGs.

#### **Definitions**

The following definitions are provided to assist in the understanding of this report.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL** is defined as the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to their respective PHG or MCLG as is economically and technologically feasible.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG** is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs are non-enforceable health goals.

**Public Health Goal or PHG** is the concentration of a drinking water contaminant that poses no significant health risk if consumed for a lifetime, based on current risk assessment principles, practices,

and methods. PHGs are established by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) pursuant to Health & Safety Code §116365(c) for contaminants with MCLs, and for those for which MCLs will be adopted.

**Treatment Technology or TT** is defined as a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Action Level or AL** is defined as the level at which additional action, as defined by State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW), to reduce copper and lead levels and optimize corrosion control.

**Detection Limits for purposes of Reporting or DLR** is the state designated minimum level at or above which any analytical finding of a contaminant in drinking water resulting from required monitoring.

**Best Available Technologies or BAT** is defined as the best available technology, treatment techniques, and/or other means available for achieving compliance with the MCL.

**ND** stands for non-detect. The constituent is below the value set for DLR.

**Numeric Health Risk** is determined by OEHHA. The risk level is based on long term exposures to low levels of contaminants in drinking water. It is usually stated in terms of additional cancer risk per a stipulated population, e.g.,  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  means one excess cancer case per million population.

**Part Per Billion or ppb** is the weight of a chemical dissolved in a volume of water. One part per billion would be equal to one second in 31 years.

**Part Per Trillion or ppt** is the weight of a chemical dissolved in a volume of water. One part per trillion would be equal to one second in 31,000 years.

**Granular Activated Carbon or GAC** is a treatment process using granular activated carbon to remove organic contaminants from water by adsorption.

**Ion Exchange or IX** is a treatment process in which ion contaminants are removed from a liquid phase by contacting a resin that is coated with other ions.

#### **Applicable PHG or MCLG**

There are six constituents found in the RPU drinking water, which do not meet the applicable PHG or MCLG based on compliance monitoring data from 2013 to 2015, which are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. PHG or MCLG Exceedance

Constituent, unit	MCL or (AL)	RPU Average/ (Range)	DLR Detection Limit	PHG or MCLG	Health Risk Category	Numeric Risk @ PHG	Numeric Risk @ MCL	Sources	BAT
Arsenic, ppb	10	<2/ (ND-3.5)	2	0.004 ppt	Cancer	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$ (2.5 per thousand)	Erosion of natural deposits	IX
Gross Alpha, pCi/L	15	6.5/ (<3-11)	3	0	Cancer	0	up to 1 $\times 10^{-3}$ for $^{210}\text{Po}$	Erosion of natural deposits	IX & RO
Hexavalent Chromium, ppb	10	2.3/ (2 – 2.7)	1	0.02	Cancer	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$5 \times 10^{-4}$ (five per ten thousand)	Discharge from industrial activities. Erosion of natural deposits.	Coagulation/ filtration, RO, IX
Coliform Bacteria, % Positive	5% positive	ND (ND-1%)	Presence	0	Non-Cancer	NA	NA	Naturally present	Disinfection
Uranium, pCi/L	20	7.8/ (2.2-14)	2	0.43	Cancer	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$ (five per hundred thousand)	Erosion of natural deposits	IX
Copper 90% Household Tap, ppb	1300	580/ (<50-940)	50	300	Gastro-intestinal effects	NA	NA	Natural/ Home plumbing	TT

## Arsenic

The range of arsenic in RPU's water is non-detect (ND) to 3.5 ppb. The average arsenic level is ND or below the detection limit for reporting (DLR). Arsenic is found in water due to erosion of natural deposits in the soil. Compliance with arsenic MCL is achieved by blending water containing ND to low levels of arsenic with waters that have higher levels of arsenic. Arsenic levels are frequently monitored before and after blending and before being distributed to consumers.

The category of health risk associated with arsenic, and the reason that a drinking water standard was adopted for it, is that people who drink water containing arsenic above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

## Gross Alpha Particle

Gross Alpha particle ranges from ND to 11 pCi/L. The average gross alpha level is 7 pCi/L. Gross alpha is found due to erosion of natural deposits in the soil. Similar to arsenic, concentrations of gross alpha particle is blended with water from domestic wells with little or no trace of gross alpha particle to comply with the 15 pCi/L drinking water standard. Gross alpha particle is monitored weekly at a designated distribution compliance location.

The category of health risk associated with gross alpha, and the reason that a drinking water standard was adopted for it, is that people who drink water containing Gross Alpha above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

### **Hexavalent Chromium**

Hexavalent chromium is a naturally occurring element as well as an element used in industrial activities. It ranges from ND to 2.7 ppb, with an average level of 2.3 ppb. Hexavalent chromium is also blended with water from domestic wells with low or no trace of hexavalent chromium to provide water which meets the MCL.

The category of health risk associated with hexavalent chromium, and the reason that a drinking water standard was adopted for it, is that people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

### **Uranium**

The average uranium level in RPU water is 7.8 pCi/L. Uranium is found due to erosions of natural deposits in the soil. Compliance with the uranium MCL is achieved by blending. Uranium is analyzed on a weekly basis at a designated compliance location.

The category of health risk associated with uranium, and the reason that a drinking water standard was adopted for it, is that people who drink water containing uranium above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

### **Copper**

RPU delivers drinking water, which has no detectable level of copper before it is served to homes. Since 1992, RPU has participated in EPA's Lead and Copper First Flush Household Tap Monitoring Program and demonstrated compliance with the Action Levels for lead and copper. This monitoring occurs every three years and requires testing from customer's indoor water faucets. The most recent results showed a copper level of 580 ppb.

The category of health risk for copper is gastrointestinal irritation. According to OEHHA no cancer risk is calculated for chemicals considered "non-carcinogens." For non-carcinogens, an exact numerical public health risk cannot be calculated.

### **Coliform Bacteria**

The MCL for coliform bacteria allows no more than five percent of all water samples collected to be positive for coliform bacteria in any given month. The MCLG is zero percent positives. During this reporting period (2013-2015) 7,760 samples were collected and analyzed. A total of five samples were coliform positive, but found negative when retested. The MCL for coliform bacteria was never exceeded.

Meeting the coliform bacteria drinking water standard minimizes the possibility of the presence of waterborne disease pathogens. A numeric health risk for coliform bacteria has not been established because coliform bacteria only serves as an indicator of the potential presence of pathogens. Coliform bacteria are naturally present in the environment and are not generally considered harmful. Approximately 207 coliform bacteria samples are collected and analyzed each month. If a positive sample is detected, it indicates a potential problem that needs to be investigated and requires follow up sampling. It is not at all unusual for

a system to have an occasional positive sample. It is difficult, if not impossible, to ensure that a system will never get a positive sample.

Several measures are taken by RPU to reduce the potential for coliform bacteria from occurring. These measures include an effective cross-connection control program, maintenance of a chlorine disinfectant residual, an effective distribution and source monitoring program, and maintaining positive pressure in the distribution system. RPU also practices the BATs to achieve compliance with total coliform MCL as described in Article 12 section 64447 of the California Title 22 Code of Regulations.

### **Treatment Options and Cost**

RPU has not developed a plan to provide treatment and reduce levels of arsenic, gross alpha particle, uranium, hexavalent chromium, coliform bacteria, and copper in its drinking water to zero. Staff will develop plans and a cost benefit analysis on how to reduce the levels of these constituents should new regulations be developed.

### **Arsenic**

Ion Exchange (IX) treatment is one of several best available technologies (BATs) for arsenic treatment. The estimated cost to install and operate a centralized IX treatment system that would reliably reduce arsenic levels to zero would be approximately \$58.4 million a year. This would result in an assumed increased cost for each customer of \$900 per year.

### **Gross Alpha Particle**

The BAT for gross alpha is Reverse Osmosis. The estimated cost to install and operate a centralized RO treatment system that would reliably reduce the gross alpha particle to zero would range from be \$49 to \$195 million a year. This would result in an assumed increase cost for each customer of \$760 to \$3,023 per year.

### **Hexavalent Chromium**

Reduction, coagulation, and filtration (RCF) treatment is one of several BATs for hexavalent chromium treatment. The estimated cost to install and operate a centralized (RCF) treatment system that would reliably reduce hexavalent chromium levels to zero would range from approximately \$46 to \$292 million a year. This would result in an assumed increased cost for each customer of \$715 to \$900 per year.

### **Uranium**

Ion Exchange (IX) treatment is one of several BATs for uranium treatment. The estimated cost to install and operate a centralized IX treatment system that would reliably reduce uranium levels to zero would be approximately \$58.4 million a year. This would result in an assumed increased cost for each customer of \$900 per year.

### **Copper**

Our water is in full compliance with the Federal and State Lead and Copper Rule and deemed to have “optimized corrosion control,” RPU is following the BAT for copper. Therefore, RPU will continue to monitor our water quality parameters that relate to corrosivity, such as pH, hardness, alkalinity, and total dissolved solids. Thus, no estimate of cost has been included.

## **Numeric Health Risk**

The numeric public health risk associated with the MCL for each contaminant identified and the numeric public health risk associated with the PHG for that contaminant are to be determined by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard and Assessment (OEHHA) pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 113670.

According to OEHHA, the cancer risk level is based on a theoretical 70-year lifetime excess cancer risk at the statistical confidence limit. Actual cancer risk may be lower or zero. Cancer risk is stated in terms of excess cancer cases per million (or fewer) populations, e.g.,  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  means one hundred excess cancer cases per million constituents.

For more information on health risk please contact the OEHHA website at <http://www.calepa.cahwnet.gov/oehha>. Also the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791 offers additional information for customers on drinking water.

## **Category of Risk to Public Health**

The category of risk to public health is summarized in Table 1 and discussed briefly in the sections for each constituent.

## **Health Effects Language**

The State Water Resources Control Board DDW provides an explanation of potential adverse health effects for synthetic organic and inorganic chemicals pursuant to Section 64468. RPU provides this information for your knowledge and benefit for the constituents, which did exceed the PHG or MCLG.

Arsenic: “Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.”

Gross Alpha: “Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.”

Coliform Bacteria: “Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present.

Hexavalent Chromium: “Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.”

Uranium: “Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have kidney problems or an increased risk of getting cancer.”

Copper: “Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time may experience gastrointestinal distress. Some

people who drink water containing in excess of the action level over a period of years may suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor."

### **Best Available Technology (BAT)**

Section 64447.4 Title 22 California Code of Regulations lists the best available technology (BAT), treatment technologies, or other means available for achieving compliance with the MCLs for organic chemicals. Section 64676 lists the TT for Copper. The BATs and TT are listed for the constituents of concern in Table 1.

### **Recommendations for Further Action**

The drinking water quality provided by RPU meets all Federal and State drinking water standards set to protect public health. To further reduce the levels of the constituents identified in this report that are already significantly below the health-based MCLs established to provide "safe drinking water," additional costly treatment processes would be required. The effectiveness of the treatment processes to provide any significant reductions in constituent levels at these already low values is uncertain. Therefore, no action is proposed.

### **Source Water Assessment**

In May 2013, RPU completed a comprehensive Source Water Assessment of its drinking water sources, which is available to the public. The continual development and implementation of protective measures and policies is a standard practice conducted by RPU to preserve our valuable drinking water resources for future generations.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Excerpt from California Health and Safety Code Section §116470(b)**

## **Health and Safety Code §116470**

(b) On or before July 1, 1998, and every three years thereafter, public water systems serving more than 10,000 service connections that detect one or more contaminants in drinking water that exceed the applicable public health goal, shall prepare a brief written report in plain language that does all of the following:

(1) Identifies each contaminant detected in drinking water that exceeds the applicable public health goal.

(2) Discloses the numerical public health risk, determined by the office, associated with the maximum contaminant level for each contaminant identified in paragraph (1) and the numerical public health risk determined by the office associated with the public health goal for that contaminant.

(3) Identifies the category of risk to public health, including, but not limited to, carcinogenic, mutagenic, teratogenic, and acute toxicity, associated with exposure to the contaminant in drinking water, and includes a brief plainly worded description of these terms.

(4) Describes the best available technology, if any is then available on a commercial basis, to remove the contaminant or reduce the concentration of the contaminant. The public water system may, solely at its own discretion, briefly describe actions that have been taken on its own, or by other entities, to prevent the introduction of the contaminant into drinking water supplies.

(5) Estimates the aggregate cost and the cost per customer of utilizing the technology described in paragraph (4), if any, to reduce the concentration of that contaminant in drinking water to a level at or below the public health goal.

(6) Briefly describes what action, if any, the local water purveyor intends to take to reduce the concentration of the contaminant in public drinking water supplies and the basis for that decision.

(c) Public water systems required to prepare a report pursuant to subdivision (b) shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting and responding to public comment on the report. Public water systems may hold the public hearing as part of any regularly scheduled meeting.

(d) The department shall not require a public water system to take any action to reduce or eliminate any exceedance of a public health goal.

(e) Enforcement of this section does not require the department to amend a public water system's operating permit.

(f) Pending adoption of a public health goal by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 116365, and in lieu thereof, public water systems shall use the national maximum contaminant level goal adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the corresponding contaminant for purposes of complying with the notice and hearing requirements of this section.

(g) This section is intended to provide an alternative form for the federally required consumer confidence report as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 300g-3(c).

**Exhibit 2**

**Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR)**  
**for**  
**2013, 2014, and 2015**

# Water Quality Report 2013

## An important message about drinking water sources from the USEPA

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 land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases radioactive materials, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**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.

**Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater 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, agricultural application, and septic systems.

**Radioactive Contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Regulations:** In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

**Important Health Information:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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 people, and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hot Line. 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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

**Water Sources:** Riverside's water is groundwater from wells in the Bunker Hill Basin and Riverside Basin. RPU and other water agencies completed a source-water assessment study for Bunker Hill Basin in San Bernardino in October 2002 and the Riverside Basin in 2000. Updates to the assessment were recently completed and submitted to CDPH in 2012.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Translate it or speak with someone who understands it.

### SPANISH

Este reporte contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Para más información por favor llame (951) 782-0330.

### CHINESE

此份有关你的食水报告,内有重要资料和讯息,请找他人为你翻译及解释清楚。

### JAPANESE

この情報は重要です。  
翻訳を依頼してください。

### TAGALOG

Mahalaga ang impormasyong ito.  
Mangyaring ipasalin ito.

### VIETNAMESE

Chi tiết này thật quan trọng.  
Xin nhờ người dịch cho quý vị.

### KOREAN

이 안내는 매우 중요합니다.  
본인을 위해 번역인을 사용하십시오.

# SECONDARY STANDARDS

## AESTHETIC STANDARDS

	STATE MCL	RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES AVERAGE	RANGES	SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
Odor Threshold	3	1	<1 - 2	Naturally present in environment
Chloride	500 ppm	34 ppm	32 - 36 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Sulfate	500 ppm	71 ppm	61 - 77 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Total Dissolved Solids "TDS"	1,000 ppm	379 ppm	240 - 420 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Specific Conductance	1,600 $\mu$ mho	612	590 - 620	Substances form ions in water
Corrosivity	Noncorrosive	0.6	0.5 - 0.6	Natural or industrially influenced balance of hydrogen, carbon, and oxygen in the water; affected by temperature and other factors
pH Units	NS	7.8 units	6.8 - 8.3 units	Naturally present in environment
Hardness ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )	NS	210 ppm (12 gpg)	200 - 220 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Alkalinity ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )	NS	160 ppm	150 - 170 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Sodium	NS	43 ppm	42 - 44 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Calcium	NS	67 ppm	66 - 70 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Potassium	NS	3.2 ppm	2.8 - 3.4 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Magnesium	NS	11 ppm	10 - 12 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Turbidity	5.0 NTU	0.1 NTU	<0.1 - 0.6 NTU	Naturally present in environment

## Monitoring Report 2013

Riverside Public Utilities tests for more than 200 possible contaminants in our water system. This report provides data from sampling conducted in calendar year 2013. Only those contaminants detected in our water system are listed here. For a listing of additional chemical tests, please contact our Water Quality Division at (951) 351-6370.

### Water Resources

RPU met all of its water supply needs in 2013 by utilizing groundwater sources located in the San Bernardino Bunker Hill Basin and the Riverside Basin. RPU treats some of its wells and all water sources are blended at a central location before entering into distribution. All data provided are from samples collected in the distribution system or at the entry point to the system.

### Water Compliance & Monitoring Program

In 2013, we collected more than 17,900 water samples to test for a variety of potential contaminants. Samples were collected at water sources, along transmission pipelines, throughout the distribution system, including reservoirs and booster stations, and treatment plants to ensure water quality from its source to your meter.

The Utility uses state certified independent laboratories to perform water tests. This ensures that an independent set of experts test your water from the source to your meter. Last year, we spent more than \$600,000 on compliance laboratory costs.

### Riverside Public Utilities 2013 Water Sampling Data

6,520 - Samples collected to test for bacteria.

6,687 - Samples collected for source and system compliance and monitoring.

4,751 - Samples collected for treatment plant compliance and monitoring.

17,958 - Total samples collected.

We are pleased to report that our water met or surpassed all state and federal drinking water quality standards in 2013. We welcome you to attend our Board of Public Utilities meetings at 3901 Orange Street, in Riverside, held at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month. You can also visit our website at [BlueRiverside.com](http://BlueRiverside.com) for more information.

# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES 2013 WATER QUALITY REPORT

## PRIMARY STANDARDS: MANDATORY HEALTH-RELATED STANDARDS

CONTAMINANT	STATE MCL	STATE PHG	RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES AVERAGE	RANGE	SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
<b>CLARITY</b> Turbidity	TT	NS	0.60 NTU (Highest)	100% Meeting turbidity limits	Soil runoff
<b>REGULATED ORGANIC</b> Total Trihalomethanes "TTHMs"	80 ppb	NS	6.2 ppb	ND - 6.9 ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine	4.0 ppm (MRDL)	4 ppm (MRDLG)	0.6 ppm	ND - 1.0 ppm	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Control of DBP precursors Total Organic Carbon "TOC"	TT	NS	ND	ND - 0.5 ppm	Various natural and man-made sources
<b>REGULATED INORGANIC</b>					
Arsenic	10 ppb	4 ppt	ND	ND - 2.1 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2 ppm	1.0 ppm	0.5 ppm	0.5 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )	45 ppm	45 ppm	24 ppm	22 - 28 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Perchlorate	6 ppb	6 ppb	ND	ND ppb	Inorganic chemical used in variety of industrial operations.
<b>RADIOLOGICAL</b>					
Gross Alpha	15 pCi/L	0 (MCLG)	6.5 pCi/L	<3 - 11 pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium	20 pCi/L	0.43 pCi/L	7.8 pCi/L	2.2 - 14 pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>LEAD/COPPER (AL)</b> (90% Household Tap)					
Copper (a)	1,300 ppb	300 ppb	580 ppb	<50 - 940 ppb	Internal corrosion of home plumbing

REGULATED CONTAMINANTS WITH NO MCLs	NOTIFICATION LEVEL	STATE PHG OR MCLG	RIVERSIDE AVERAGE	RANGE	
Chromium VI (b)	10 ppb (MCL)	0.02 ppb	2.0 ppb	1.8 - 2.2 ppb	
Vanadium	50 ppb	NS	6.1 ppb	5.7 - 6.6 ppb	
Boron	1000 ppb	NS	120 ppb	100 - 130 ppb	
Chlorate	800 ppb	NS	61 ppb	56 - 66 ppb	
Molybdenum	NS	NS	4.1 ppb	4.0 - 4.2 ppb	
N-Nitroso-di-n-butylamine	NS		2.5 ppt	<2 - 10 ppt	
Strontium	NS		495 ppb	490 - 500 ppb	

# Definitions

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**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 are set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Public Health Goal (PHG)** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. PHGs are set by the California EPA.

**Regulatory Action Level (AL)** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS)** MCLs and MRDL's for contaminants that affect health, along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

**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.

**Millirem (mrem)** is a unit used to account for various radiations that have an effect on humans.

**Parts Per Million (ppm)** One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or one penny in \$10,000.

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

**Parts Per Billion (ppb)** One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts Per Trillion (ppt)** One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in two million years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Picocuries Per Liter (pCi/L)** A measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)** A measure of suspended material in water.

**Micromhos ( $\mu$ MHOS)** A measure of conductivity (electric current) in water.

**NL** Notification level.

**ND** Not detected at the detection limit for reporting.

**NS** No standard.

**GGP** Grains per gallon of hardness (1 gpg = 17.1 ppm).

< Less than the detectable levels.

(a) The Lead and Copper Rule requires that 90 percent of samples taken from drinking water taps in the program homes must be below the action levels. Monitoring is required every 3 years. In 2013, 61 homes participated in the monitoring program. No lead was detected in the 90th percentile samples. The average value listed for copper is the 90th percentile result. No home exceeded the

action level. The next monitoring program is scheduled for 2016.

(b) California proposes a hexavalent chromium MCL of 10 ppb. This regulation is expected to be finalized in late 2014.

## Additional Regulatory Information

**Boron** - The babies of some pregnant women who drink water containing boron in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals.

**Fluoride** - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has established an "optimal" fluoride level for water at 1 ppm. Riverside has naturally occurring fluoride levels at 0.5 ppm and is not planning to add fluoride to its water by artificial means.

**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. Riverside Public Utilities 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 two 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 [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

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Sulfate	500 ppm	73 ppm	69 - 82 ppm	Naturally present in environment
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Specific Conductance	1,600 $\mu\text{mho}$	617 $\mu\text{mho}$	580 - 650 $\mu\text{mho}$	Substances form ions in water
Color	15 Units	3.0 Units	3.0 Units	Naturally-occurring organic materials
pH Units	NS	7.6 Units	6.9 - 8.4 Units	Naturally present in environment
Hardness ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )	NS	208 ppm (12 gpg)	200 - 220 ppm	Naturally present in environment
Alkalinity ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )	NS	152 ppm	140 - 160 ppm	Naturally present in environment
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Calcium	NS	68 ppm	66 - 70 ppm	Naturally present in environment
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### Riverside Public Utilities 2014 Water Sampling Data

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# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES 2014 WATER QUALITY REPORT

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Arsenic	10 ppb	4 ppt	2.0 ppb	ND - 3.5 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
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**<** Less than the detectable levels.

**(a)** Results of all samples collected from the distribution system during any month shall be free of total coliforms in 95% or more of the monthly samples.

**(b)** The Lead and Copper Rule requires that 90 percent of samples taken from drinking water taps in the program homes must be below the action levels. Monitoring is required every 3 years. In 2013, 61 homes participated in the monitoring program.

No lead was detected in the 90th percentile samples. The average value listed for copper is the 90th percentile result. No home exceeded the action level for either lead or copper. The next monitoring program is scheduled for 2016.

# Additional Regulatory Information

**Boron** - The babies of some pregnant women who drink water containing boron in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals.

**Fluoride** - The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) has established an "optimal" fluoride level for water at 1 ppm. Riverside has naturally occurring fluoride levels at 0.5 ppm and is not planning to add fluoride to its water by artificial means.

**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. Riverside Public Utilities 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 two 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 [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

**Nitrate** - In drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of an infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in a serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 10 ppm may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant or you are pregnant, you should ask advice about nitrate levels from your health care provider.

Riverside provides drinking water that on average is at 5.1 ppm and has a range from 4.5 ppm to 6.4 ppm during the year. The State Board has set the MCL for nitrate at 10 ppm. Riverside has 53 wells that are blended to comply with drinking water standards. The city conducts extensive monitoring of the blend operations. Seasonal variation in demand and flow, in addition to system maintenance and repair, impact the nitrate levels during the year.

**Perchlorate** - Perchlorate is a regulated drinking water contaminant in California. The maximum contaminant level for perchlorate is 6 parts per billion. Perchlorate salts were used in solid rocket propellants and other industrial applications.

**Vanadium** - The babies of some pregnant women who drink water containing vanadium in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals.

## Monitoring Unregulated Contaminants

This monitoring helps USEPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the contaminants need to be regulated. Data is available at [www.epa.gov/ogwdw](http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw).

**Exhibit 3**  
**2016 PHG Report: Calendar Year 2013-2015**

**MCLs, DLRs, and PHGs for Regulated Drinking Water Contaminants**

(Units are in milligrams per liter (mg/L), unless otherwise noted.)

Last Update: September 23, 2015

This table includes:

California's maximum contaminant levels (MCLs)

Detection limits for purposes of reporting (DLRs)

[Public health goals \(PHGs\) from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment \(OEHHA\)](#)

Also, PHGs for NDMA and 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (which are not yet regulated) are included at the bottom of this table.

	MCL	DLR	PHG	Date of PHG
<b><i>Chemicals with MCLs in 22 CCR §64431—Inorganic Chemicals</i></b>				
Aluminum	1	0.05	0.6	2001
Antimony	0.006	0.006	0.02	1997
Antimony	--	--	0.0007	2009 draft
Arsenic	0.010	0.002	0.000004	2004
Asbestos (MFL = million fibers per liter; for fibers >10 microns long)	7 MFL	0.2 MFL	7 MFL	2003
Barium	1	0.1	2	2003
Beryllium	0.004	0.001	0.001	2003
Cadmium	0.005	0.001	0.00004	2006
Chromium, Total - OEHHA withdrew the 0.0025-mg/L PHG	0.05	0.01	withdrawn Nov. 2001	1999
Chromium, Hexavalent	0.010	0.001	0.00002	2011
Cyanide	0.15	0.1	0.15	1997
Fluoride	2	0.1	1	1997
Mercury (inorganic)	0.002	0.001	0.0012	1999 (rev2005)*
Nickel	0.1	0.01	0.012	2001
Nitrate (as nitrogen, N)	10 as N	0.4	45 as NO <sub>3</sub> (=10 as N)	1997
Nitrite (as N)	1 as N	0.4	1 as N	1997
Nitrate + Nitrite (as N)	10 as N	--	10 as N	1997
Perchlorate	0.006	0.004	0.001	2015
Selenium	0.05	0.005	0.03	2010
Thallium	0.002	0.001	0.0001	1999 (rev2004)
<b><i>Copper and Lead, 22 CCR §64672.3</i></b>				
<i>Values referred to as MCLs for lead and copper are not actually MCLs; instead, they are called "Action Levels" under the lead and copper rule</i>				
Copper	1.3	0.05	0.3	2008
Lead	0.015	0.005	0.0002	2009

**Radionuclides with MCLs in 22 CCR §64441 and §64443—Radioactivity**

[units are picocuries per liter (pCi/L), unless otherwise stated; n/a = not applicable]

Gross alpha particle activity - OEHHA concluded in 2003 that a PHG was not practical	15	3	none	n/a
Gross beta particle activity - OEHHA concluded in 2003 that a PHG was not practical	4 mrem/yr	4	none	n/a
Radium-226	--	1	0.05	2006
Radium-228	--	1	0.019	2006
Radium-226 + Radium-228	5	--	--	--
Strontium-90	8	2	0.35	2006
Tritium	20,000	1,000	400	2006
Uranium	20	1	0.43	2001

**Chemicals with MCLs in 22 CCR §64444—Organic Chemicals**

**(a) Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)**

Benzene	0.001	0.0005	0.00015	2001
Carbon tetrachloride	0.0005	0.0005	0.0001	2000
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.6	0.0005	0.6	1997 (rev2009)
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (p-DCB)	0.005	0.0005	0.006	1997
1,1-Dichloroethane (1,1-DCA)	0.005	0.0005	0.003	2003
1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA)	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004	1999 (rev2005)
1,1-Dichloroethylene (1,1-DCE)	0.006	0.0005	0.01	1999
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.006	0.0005	0.1	2006
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.01	0.0005	0.06	2006
Dichloromethane (Methylene chloride)	0.005	0.0005	0.004	2000
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	0.0005	0.0005	1999
1,3-Dichloropropene	0.0005	0.0005	0.0002	1999 (rev2006)
Ethylbenzene	0.3	0.0005	0.3	1997
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	0.013	0.003	0.013	1999
Monochlorobenzene	0.07	0.0005	0.07	2014
Styrene	0.1	0.0005	0.0005	2010
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.001	0.0005	0.0001	2003
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	0.005	0.0005	0.00006	2001
Toluene	0.15	0.0005	0.15	1999
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.005	0.0005	0.005	1999
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA)	0.2	0.0005	1	2006
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (1,1,2-TCA)	0.005	0.0005	0.0003	2006
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	0.005	0.0005	0.0017	2009
Trichlorofluoromethane (Freon 11)	0.15	0.005	1.3	2014
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane (Freon 113)	1.2	0.01	4	1997 (rev2011)
Vinyl chloride	0.0005	0.0005	0.00005	2000
Xylenes	1.75	0.0005	1.8	1997

<b>(b) Non-Volatile Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs)</b>				
Alachlor	0.002	0.001	0.004	1997
Atrazine	0.001	0.0005	0.00015	1999
Bentazon	0.018	0.002	0.2	1999 (rev2009)
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0002	0.0001	0.000007	2010
Carbofuran	0.018	0.005	0.0017	2000
Carbofuran	--	--	0.0007	2015 draft
Chlordane	0.0001	0.0001	0.00003	1997 (rev2006)
Dalapon	0.2	0.01	0.79	1997 (rev2009)
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	0.0002	0.00001	0.0000017	1999
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	0.07	0.01	0.02	2009
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	0.4	0.005	0.2	2003
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)	0.004	0.003	0.012	1997
Dinoseb	0.007	0.002	0.014	1997 (rev2010)
Diquat	0.02	0.004	0.015	2000
Diquat	--	--	0.006	2015 draft
Endrin	0.002	0.0001	0.0018	1999 (rev2008)
Endrin	--	--	0.0003	2015 draft
Endothal	0.1	0.045	0.094	2014
Ethylene dibromide (EDB)	0.00005	0.00002	0.00001	2003
Glyphosate	0.7	0.025	0.9	2007
Heptachlor	0.00001	0.00001	0.000008	1999
Heptachlor epoxide	0.00001	0.00001	0.000006	1999
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001	0.0005	0.00003	2003
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05	0.001	0.002	2014
Lindane	0.0002	0.0002	0.000032	1999 (rev2005)
Methoxychlor	0.03	0.01	0.00009	2010
Molinate	0.02	0.002	0.001	2008
Oxamyl	0.05	0.02	0.026	2009
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	0.0002	0.0003	2009
Picloram	0.5	0.001	0.5	1997
Picloram	--	--	0.166	2015 draft
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	0.0005	0.0005	0.00009	2007
Simazine	0.004	0.001	0.004	2001
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05	0.001	0.003	2014
2,3,7,8-TCDD (dioxin)	$3 \times 10^{-8}$	$5 \times 10^{-9}$	$5 \times 10^{-11}$	2010
Thiobencarb	0.07	0.001	0.07	2000
Thiobencarb	--	--	0.042	2015 draft
Toxaphene	0.003	0.001	0.00003	2003
<b>Chemicals with MCLs in 22 CCR §64533—Disinfection Byproducts</b>				
Total Trihalomethanes	0.080	--	0.0008	2010 draft
Bromodichloromethane	--	0.0010	--	--
Bromoform	--	0.0010	--	--
Chloroform	--	0.0010	--	--

Dibromochloromethane	--	0.0010	--	--
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5)	0.060	--	--	--
Monochloroacetic Acid	--	0.0020	--	--
Dichloroacetic Acid	--	0.0010	--	--
Trichloroacetic Acid	--	0.0010	--	--
Monobromoacetic Acid	--	0.0010	--	--
Dibromoacetic Acid	--	0.0010	--	--
Bromate	0.010	0.0050**	0.0001	2009
Chlorite	1.0	0.020	0.05	2009
<b><i>Chemicals with PHGs established in response to DDW requests. These are not currently regulated drinking water contaminants.</i></b>				
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)	--	--	0.000003	2006
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	--	--	0.0000007	2009
*OEHHA's review of this chemical during the year indicated (rev20XX) resulted in no change in the PHG.				
**The DLR for Bromate is 0.0010 mg/L for analysis performed using EPA Method 317.0 Revision 2.0, 321.8, or 326.0.				