

## EXHIBIT 1

**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.
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- (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

# WATER QUALITY REPORT

## 2022

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**29,800** - Total samples collected.

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# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES 2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT

## PRIMARY STANDARDS: MANDATORY HEALTH-RELATED STANDARDS

CONTAMINANT	STATE MCL	STATE PHG	RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES AVERAGE	RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES RANGE	SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL</b> Total Coliform (P/A) (a)	>5%	0 (MCLG)	0.18%	0 - 0.99%	Naturally present in environment
<b>CLARITY</b> Turbidity (John W. North Treatment Plant)	TT	NS	0.06 NTU (Highest)	100% Meeting turbidity limits	Soil runoff
<b>REGULATED ORGANIC</b> Total Trihalomethanes "THMs"	80 ug/L	NS	4 ug/L (Highest LRAA)	1.2 - 6.0 ug/L	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine	4 mg/L as Cl <sub>2</sub> (MRDL)	4 mg/L as Cl <sub>2</sub> (MRDLG)	0.61 mg/L	0.21 - 0.88 mg/L	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
<b>REGULATED INORGANIC</b> Arsenic	10 ug/L	0.004 ug/L	2.1 ug/L	ND - 4.4 ug/L	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2 mg/L	1 mg/L	0.48 mg/L	0.44 - 0.52 mg/L	Naturally present in environment
Nitrate (as nitrogen, N)	10 mg/L	10 mg/L	5.6 mg/L	5.0 - 7.5 mg/L	Naturally present in environment
Perchlorate	6 ug/L	1 ug/L	ND	ND - 2.9 ug/L	Inorganic chemical used in variety of industrial operatives
<b>RADIOLOGICAL</b> Uranium	20 pCi/L	0.43 pCi/L	6.3 pCi/L	4.3 - 8.6 pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	15 pCi/L (Net)	NS	ND	ND - 10 pCi/L "Net" Gross Alpha	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>LEAD/COPPER (AL)</b> (90% Household Tap) Copper	1300 ug/L	300 ug/L	90th percentile of 51 samples: 520 ug/L, Zero samples exceeded the Action Level		
Lead	15 ug/L	0.2 ug/L	90th percentile of 51 samples: ND, Zero samples exceeded the Action Level		

UNREGULATED CHEMICALS	NOTIFICATION LEVEL	RIVERSIDE AVERAGE	RIVERSIDE RANGE	
Chlorodibromoacetic acid	NS	0.08 ug/L	ND - 0.33 ug/L	2019 UCMR4 Data
Germanium (total)	NS	0.28 ug/L	ND - 0.44 ug/L	2019 UCMR4 Data
Perfluorooctanesulfonic sulfonate (PFOS)	6.5 ng/L	ND	ND - 4.9 ng/L	
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	5.1 ng/L	ND	ND - 4.6 ng/L	
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	500 ng/L	ND	ND - 3.0 ng/L	
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	NS	ND	ND - 3.0 ng/L	
Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA)	NS	4.8 ng/L	4.2 - 6.5 ng/L	
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid (PFHpA)	NS	ND	ND	

## SECONDARY STANDARDS AESTHETIC STANDARDS

	STATE MCL	RIVERSIDE AVERAGE	PUBLIC UTILITIES RANGE	SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER		STATE MCL	RIVERSIDE AVERAGE	PUBLIC UTILITIES RANGE	SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
Chloride	500 mg/L	36 mg/L	32 - 39 mg/L	Naturally present in environment	Alkalinity (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	NS	166 mg/L	150 - 180 mg/L	Naturally present in environment
Sulfate	500 mg/L	66 mg/L	60 - 72 mg/L	Naturally present in environment	Sodium	NS	44 mg/L	41 - 45 mg/L	Naturally present in environment
Total Dissolved Solids "TDS"	1000 mg/L	350 mg/L	210 - 390 mg/L	Naturally present in environment	Calcium	NS	65 mg/L	59 - 71 mg/L	Naturally present in environment
Specific Conductance	1600 umho/cm	563 umho/cm	500 - 610 umho/cm	Substances form ions in water	Potassium	NS	3 mg/L	2.8 - 3.4 mg/L	Naturally present in environment
pH Units	NS	8 Units	7.2 - 9.9 Units	Naturally present in environment	Magnesium	NS	9.1 mg/L	7.9 - 10 mg/L	Naturally present in environment
Hardness (CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) (12 gpg)	NS	202 mg/L	180 - 220 mg/L	Naturally present in environment	Turbidity	5 NTU	0.09 NTU	ND - 1.5 NTU	Naturally present in environment
					Odor	3 TON	ND	ND - 1 TON	Naturally present in environment



## An important message about drinking water sources from the US EPA

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, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. State Board 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/Center for Disease Control (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 obtains its water supply from groundwater stored in the Bunker Hill and Riverside groundwater basins. An assessment of these drinking water sources for the City of Riverside was completed in May 2013. These sources are considered most vulnerable to historical contamination from industrial and agricultural operations.

A copy of the complete assessment is available at State Board District Office, 1350 Front Street, Room 2050, San Diego, CA 92101 or at Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) offices at 3750 University Ave. 3rd Floor, Riverside, CA 92501. You may request a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting the State Board district engineer or a RPU water system representative at (951) 351-6370.

## Definitions

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of 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. MCLGs are set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

**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 (mg/L)** 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 (ug/L)** One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts Per Trillion (ng/L)** 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 (µMHOS)** A measure of conductivity (electric current) in water.

**UCMR4** Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

**NL** Notification level

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

**NS** No standard.

**GPG** Grains per gallon of hardness (1 gpg = 17.1 mg/L).

**LRAA** Locational Running Annual Average

**<** 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. This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) reflects changes in drinking water regulatory requirements during 2016. All water systems are required to comply with the state Total Coliform Rule. Beginning April 1, 2016, all water systems are also required to comply with the federal revised Total Coliform Rule. The new federal rule maintains the purpose to protect public health by ensuring the integrity of the drinking water distribution system and monitoring for the presence of microbials (i.e., total coliform and E. coli bacteria). The U.S. EPA anticipates greater public health protection as the new rule requires water systems that are vulnerable to microbial contamination to identify and fix problems. Water systems that exceed a specified frequency of total coliform occurrences are required to conduct an assessment to determine if any sanitary defects exist. If found these must be corrected by the water system.

## Additional Regulatory Information

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

**Nitrate** - Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/L 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 mg/L 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 5.6 mg/L and has a range from 5.0 mg/L to 7.5 mg/L during the year. The State Board has set the MCL for nitrate at 10 mg/L. Riverside has 46 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.

**Turbidity** - A measure of the cloudiness of the water. Turbidity is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

## 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 [EPA.gov/dwucmr](http://EPA.gov/dwucmr).



# LEAD AWARENESS



## LEAD AND COPPER RULE

The **Lead and Copper Rule (LCR)** was developed to protect public health and reduce exposure to lead and copper in drinking water. The most common sources of lead and copper in drinking water is corrosion of plumbing materials that may be made with lead and copper such as pipes, solder, fixtures, and faucets. Water systems are required to monitor lead and copper levels by conducting sampling at select customer taps. The LCR 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 2022, 51 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 2025. From 2017-2019, RPU tested all required schools per State regulations.



## CUSTOMERS MIGHT HAVE A PRIVATE LEAD LINE

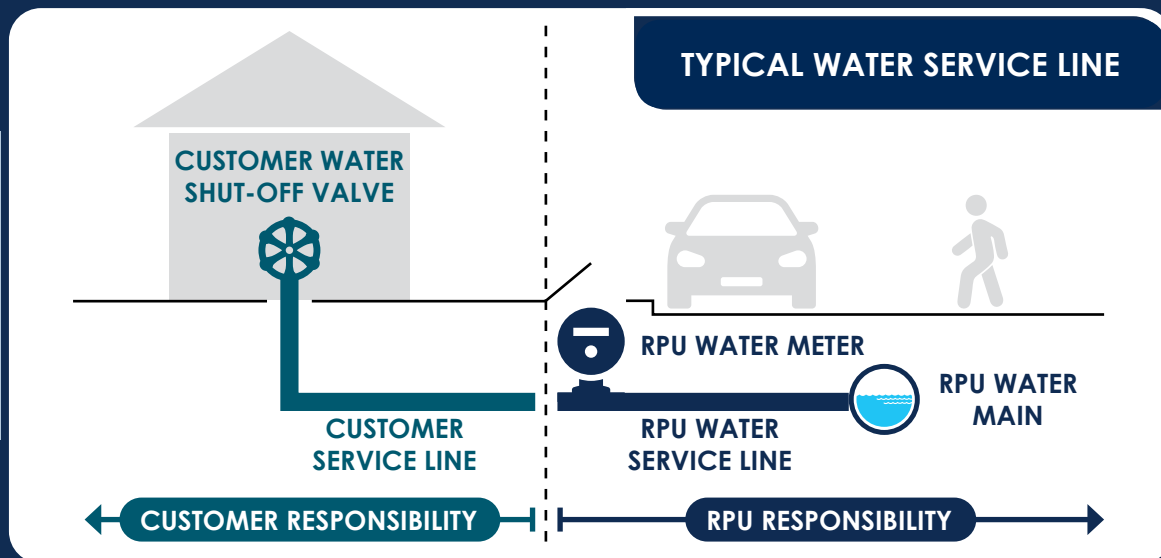
While Riverside Public Utilities has replaced all its known lead service lines, older homes (those typically built before 1986) may still have a privately owned lead or galvanized line. These privately owned service lines connect to Riverside Public Utilities' water lines at the water meter and are the customer's responsibility to maintain.

New Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) will require community water systems to conduct an inventory of service lines connected to the water system's distribution system, regardless of ownership status, to determine the materials of those lines. As new guidance for the LCRR is issued, Riverside Public Utilities will begin to collect service line inventory for the private-side portion of the water service line.



## WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT LEAD

Riverside Public Utilities' drinking water does not contain lead when it leaves our treatment plants. The risk for lead to get into the water is from pipes and plumbing within your home or property that are made of lead.



## LEAD AND YOUR HEALTH

The following health information is from the EPA. 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, (800) 426-4791 or online at [EPA.gov/Lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead).



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Perchlorate		6 ug/L		1 ug/L		ND		ND - 2.5 ug/L		Inorganic chemical used in variety of industrial & agricultural operatives, and also found naturally	
Aluminum		1 mg/L		0.6 mg/L		ND		ND - 0.09 mg/L			
Nickel		100 ug/L		12 ug/L		ND		ND - 29 ug/L			
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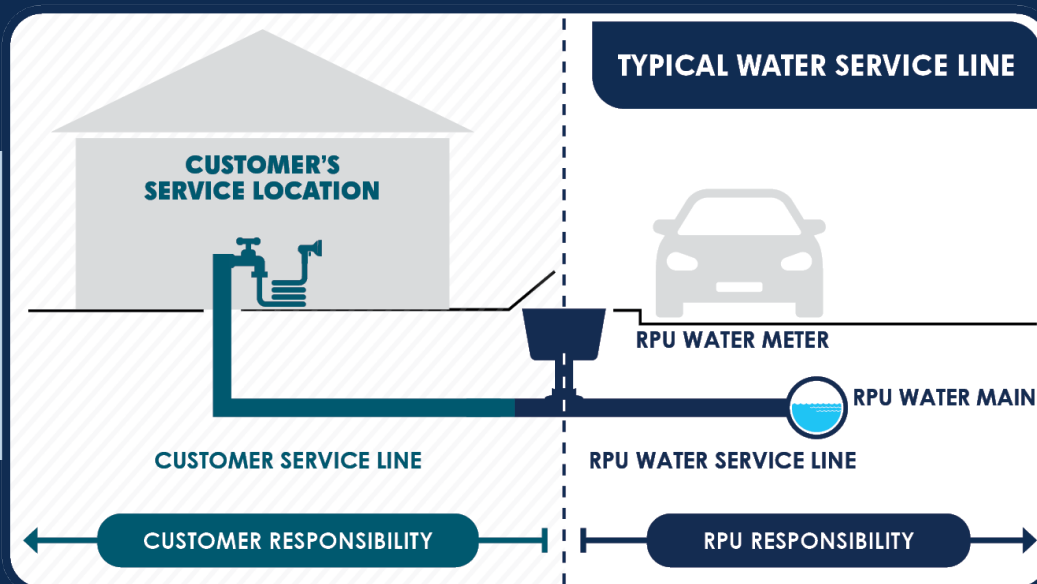
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## LEAD AND YOUR HEALTH

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# 2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT

## WATER RESOURCES

RPU met all of its water supply needs in 2024 by utilizing groundwater sources located in the Bunker Hill and Riverside Basins. RPU directly treats some of its wells and blends all water sources at a central location before entering into distribution.

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**Transmission  
Pipelines**



**Distribution  
Pipelines**



**Reservoirs**



**Booster  
Stations**



**Treatment  
Plants**

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**State certified independent laboratories perform water tests**

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**Chi tiết này thật quan trọng.  
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**이 안내는 매우 중요합니다.  
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PRIMARY STANDARDS: MANDATORY HEALTH-RELATED STANDARDS					
CONTAMINANT	STATE MCL	STATE PHG	RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES AVERAGE RANGE		SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
<b>CLARITY</b> Turbidity (John W. North Treatment Plant)	TT	NS	0.17 NTU (Highest)	99.30%	Soil runoff
<b>REGULATED ORGANIC</b> Total Trihalomethanes "TTHMs"	80 ug/L	NS	6.3 ug/L (Highest LRAA)	0.8 - 7.6 ug/L	By-product of drinking water disinfection
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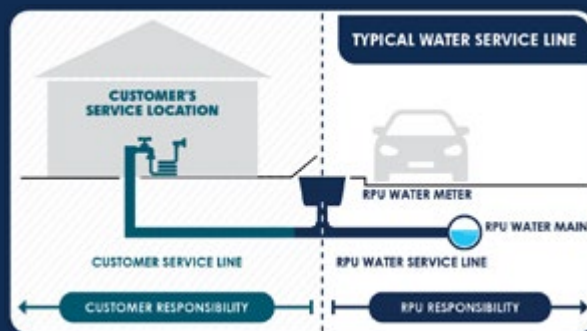
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## EXHIBIT 3



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

Updated November 2024

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## Inorganic Chemicals

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Inorganic Chemicals	California				U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date
Aluminum	1,000	1989-02-25	50	600	2001	--	--
Antimony	6	1994-09-08	6	1	2016	6	1994-01-17
Arsenic	10 50	2008-11-28 1977	2	0.004	2004	10 50	2006-01-23 1977-06-24
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	7	1994-09-08	0.2	7	2003	7	1992-07-30

<sup>1</sup> Asbestos units are in million fibers per liter (MFL); for fibers >10 microns long.



Inorganic Chemicals	California					U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
Barium	1,000	1977	100	2,000	2003	2,000 1,000	1992-07-30 1977-06-24	2000
Beryllium	4	1994-09-08	1	1	2003	4	1994-01-17	4
Cadmium	5 10	1994-09-08 1977	1	0.04	2006	5 10	1992-07-30 1977-06-24	5
Chromium, Hexavalent	10	2024-10-01	0.1	0.02	2011	--	--	--
Chromium, Total	50	1977	10	none <sup>2</sup>	--	100 50	1992-07-30 1997-06-24	100
Cyanide	150 200	2003-06-12 1994-09-08	100	150	1997	200	1994-01-17	200
Fluoride	2,000	1998-04	100	1,000	1997	4,000	1987-10-02	4000
Mercury (inorganic)	2	1977	1	1.2	1999	2	1977-06-24	2
Nickel	100	1994-09-08	10	12	2001	--	Remanded	--
Nitrate (as nitrogen, N)	10,000 as N	1977	400	10,000 as N <sup>3</sup>	2018	10,000	1977-06-24	10 mg/L
Nitrite (as N)	1,000 as N	1994-09-08	400	1,000 as N	2018	1,000	1992-07-30	1 mg/L
Nitrate + Nitrite (as N)	10,000 as N	1994-09-08	--	10,000 as N	2018	10,000	1992-07-30	10,000
Perchlorate	6	2007-10-18	1	1	2015	--	--	--
Selenium	50 10	1994-09-08 1977	5	30	2010	50 10	1992-07-30 1977-06-24	50
Thallium	2	1994-09-08	1	0.1	1999	2	1994-01-17	0.5

<sup>2</sup> In November 2001, OEHHA withdrew the 0.0025 mg/L PHG adopted in 1999.

<sup>3</sup> The PHG for nitrate can also be expressed as 45 mg/L as NO<sub>3</sub>.

## Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)

The information in the following table can be found in [22 CCR §64444](#) (California MCLs), [22 CCR §64445.1](#) (California DLRs), [OEHHA's website](#) (California PHGs), [40 CFR §141.61](#) (U.S. EPA MCLs), and [40 CFR §141.50](#) (U.S. EPA MCLGs). The values in this table are in **units of micrograms per liter (µg/L)**.

Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)	California					U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
Benzene	1	1989-02-25	0.5	0.15	2001	5	1989-01-09	zero
Carbon tetrachloride	0.5	1989-04-05	0.5	0.1	2000	5	1989-01-09	zero
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	600	1994-09-08	0.5	600	1997	600	1992-07-30	600
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (p-DCB)	5	1989-04-05	0.5	6	1997	75	1989-01-09	75
1,1-Dichloroethane (1,1-DCA)	5	1990-06-24	0.5	3	2003	--	--	--
1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA)	0.5	1989-04-05	0.5	0.4	1999	5	1989-01-09	zero
1,1-Dichloroethylene (1,1-DCE)	6	1989-02-25	0.5	10	1999	7	1989-01-09	7
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	6	1994-09-08	0.5	13	2018	70	1992-07-30	70
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	10	1994-09-08	0.5	50	2018	100	1992-07-30	100
Dichloromethane (Methylene chloride)	5	1994-09-08	0.5	4	2000	5	1994-01-17	zero
1,2-Dichloropropane	5	1990-06-24	0.5	0.5	1999	5	1992-07-30	zero
1,3-Dichloropropene	0.5	1989-02-25	0.5	0.2	1999	--	--	--
Ethylbenzene	300 700 680	2003-06-12 1994-09-08 1989-02-25	0.5	300	1997	700	1992-07-30	700
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	13	2000-05-17	3	13	1999	--	--	--
Monochlorobenzene	70 30	1994-09-08 1989-02-25	0.5	70	2014	100	1992-07-30	100
Styrene	100	1994-09-08	0.5	0.5	2010	100	1992-07-30	100
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	1	1989-02-25	0.5	0.1	2003	--	--	--
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	5	1989-05	0.5	0.06	2001	5	1992-07-30	zero
Toluene	150	1994-09-08	0.5	150	1999	1,000	1992-07-30	1,000

Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)	California					U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	5 70	2003-06-12 1994-09-08	0.5	5	1999	70	1994-01-17	70
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA)	200	1989-02-25	0.5	1000	2006	200	1989-01-09	200
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (1,1,2-TCA)	5 32	1994-09-08 1989-04-05	0.5	0.3	2006	5	1994-01-17	3
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	5	1989-02-25	0.5	1.7	2009	5	1989-01-09	zero
Trichlorofluoromethane (Freon 11)	150	1990-06-24	5	1,300	2014	--	--	--
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane (Freon 113)	1,200	1990-06-24	10	4,000	1997	--	--	--
Vinyl chloride	0.5	1989-04-05	0.5	0.05	2000	2	1989-01-09	zero
Xylenes	1,750	1989-02-25	0.5	1,800	1997	10,000	1992-07-30	10,000

### Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs)

The information in the following table can be found in [22 CCR §64444](#) (California MCLs), [22 CCR §64445.1](#) (California DLRs), [OEHHA's website](#) (California PHGs), [40 CFR §141.61](#) (U.S. EPA MCLs), and [40 CFR §141.50](#) (U.S. EPA MCLGs). The values in this table are in **units of micrograms per liter (µg/L)**.

Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs)	California					U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
Alachlor	2	1994-09-08	1	4	1997	2	1992-07-30	zero
Atrazine	1 3	2003-06-12 1989-04-05	0.5	0.15	1999	3	1992-07-30	3
Bentazon	18	1989-04-05	2	200	1999	--	--	--
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.2	1994-09-08	0.1	0.007	2010	0.2	1994-01-17	zero
Carbofuran	18	1990-06-24	5	0.7	2016	40	1992-07-30	40
Chlordane	0.1	1990-06-24	0.1	0.03	1997	2	1992-07-30	zero

Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs)	California					U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
Dalapon	200	1994-09-08	10	790	1997	200	1994-01-17	200
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	0.2 0.1	1991-05-03 1989-07-26	0.01	0.003	2020	0.2	1992-07-30	zero
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	70 100	1994-09-08 1977	10	20	2009	70 100	1992-07-30 1977-06-24	70
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	400	1994-09-08	5	200	2003	400	1994-01-17	400
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)	4	1990-06-24	3	12	1997	6	1994-01-17	zero
Dinoseb	7	1994-09-08	2	14	1997	7	1994-01-17	7
Diquat	20	1994-09-08	4	6	2016	20	1994-01-17	20
Endothal	100	1994-09-08	45	94	2014	100	1994-01-17	100
Endrin	2 0.2	1994-09-08 1977	0.1	0.3	2016	2 0.2	1994-01-17 1977-06-24	2
Ethylene dibromide (EDB)	0.05 0.02	1994-09-08 1989-02-25	0.02	0.01	2003	0.05	1992-07-30	zero
Glyphosate	700	1990-06-24	25	900	2007	700	1994-01-17	700
Heptachlor	0.01	1990-06-24	0.01	0.008	1999	0.4	1992-07-30	zero
Heptachlor epoxide	0.01	1990-06-24	0.01	0.006	1999	0.2	1992-07-30	zero
Hexachlorobenzene	1	1994-09-08	0.5	0.03	2003	1	1994-01-17	zero
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	50	1994-09-08	1	2	2014	50	1994-01-17	50
Lindane	0.2 4	1994-09-08 1977	0.2	0.032	1999	0.2 4	1992-07-30 1977	0.2
Methoxychlor	30 40 100	2003-06-12 1994-09-08 1977	10	0.09	2010	40 100	1992-07-30 1977-06-24	40
Molinate	20	1989-04-05	2	1	2008	--	--	--
Oxamyl	50 200	2003-06-12 1994-09-08	20	26	2009	200	1994-01-17	200

Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs)	California					U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
Pentachlorophenol	1	1994-09-08	0.2	0.3	2009	1	1992-07-30	zero
Picloram	500	1994-09-08	1	166	2016	500	1994-01-17	500
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	0.5	1994-09-08	0.5	0.09	2007	0.5	1992-07-30	zero
Simazine	4 10	1994-09-08 1989-04-05	1	4	2001	4	1994-01-17	4
Thiobencarb	70	1989-04-05	1	42	2016	--	--	--
Toxaphene	3 5	1994-09-08 1977	1	0.03	2003	3 5	1992-07-30 1977-06-24	zero
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	0.005	2017-12-14	0.005	0.0007	2009	--	--	--
2,3,7,8-TCDD (dioxin)	0.00003	1994-09-08	5 x10 <sup>-6</sup>	5 x10 <sup>-8</sup>	2010	0.00003	1994-01-17	zero
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50 10	1994-09-08 1977	1	3	2014	50 10	1992-07-30 1977-06-24	50

## Disinfectant Residuals

Standards for disinfectant residuals are called “Maximum Residual Disinfectant Levels” (MRDLs) instead of MCLs. Similarly, goals are called “Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goals” (MRDLGs). The information in the following table can be found in [22 CCR §64533.5](#) (California MRDLs), [40 CFR §141.65](#) (U.S. EPA MRDLs), and [40 CFR §141.54](#) (U.S. EPA MRDLGs). The values in this table are in **units of milligrams per liter (mg/L)**.

Disinfectant Residuals	California					U.S. EPA		
	MRDL	MRDL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MRDL	MRDL Effective Date	MRDLG
Chlorine	4.0 (as Cl <sub>2</sub> )	2006-06-17	--	--	--	4.0	1999-02-16	4
Chloramines	4.0 (as Cl <sub>2</sub> )	2006-06-17	--	--	--	4.0	1999-02-16	4
Chlorine dioxide	0.8 (as ClO <sub>2</sub> )	2006-06-17	--	--	--	0.8	1999-02-16	0.8

## Disinfection Byproducts

The information in the following table can be found in [22 CCR §64533](#) (California MCLs and DLRs), [OEHHA's website](#) (California PHGs), [40 CFR §141.64](#) (U.S. EPA MCLs), and [40 CFR §141.53](#) (U.S. EPA MCLGs). The values in this table are in **units of micrograms per liter (µg/L)**.

Disinfection Byproducts	California					U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
Total Trihalomethanes	80 100	2006-06-17 1983-03-14	--	--	--	80 100	2002-01-01 1983-11-29	--
Bromodichloromethane	--	--	1	0.06	2020	--	--	zero
Bromoform	--	--	1	0.5	2020	--	--	zero
Chloroform	--	--	1	0.4	2020	--	--	70
Dibromochloromethane	--	--	1	0.1	2020	--	--	60
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5)	60	2006-06-17	--	--	--	60	2002-01-01	--
Monochloroacetic Acid	--	--	2	53	2022	--	--	70
Dichloroacetic Acid	--	--	1	0.2	2022	--	--	zero
Trichloroacetic Acid	--	--	1	0.1	2022	--	--	20
Monobromoacetic Acid	--	--	1	25	2022	--	--	--
Dibromoacetic Acid	--	--	1	0.03	2022	--	--	--
Bromate	10	2006-06-17	5 <sup>4</sup>	0.1	2009	10	2002-01-01	zero
Chlorite	1000	2006-06-17	20	50	2009	1000	2002-01-01	800

## Radionuclides

The information in the following table can be found in [22 CCR §64442](#) (California MCLs and DLRs), [22 CCR §64443](#) (California MCLs and DLRs), [OEHHA's website](#) (California PHGs), [40 CFR §141.66](#) (U.S. EPA MCLs), and [40 CFR §141.55](#) (U.S. EPA MCLGs). The values in this table are in **units of picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** unless otherwise stated.

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<sup>4</sup> The DLR for bromate is 0.0010 mg/L for analysis performed using EPA Methods 317.0 Revision 2.0, 321.8, or 326.0.



Radionuclides	California					U.S. EPA		
	MCL	MCL Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
Gross alpha particle activity <sup>5</sup>	15 <sup>6</sup> 15	2006-06-11 1977	3	none <sup>7</sup>	--	15	1977-06-24	zero
Beta/photon emitters <sup>8</sup>	4 mrem/yr 50	2006-06-11 1977	4	none <sup>7</sup>	--	4 mrem/yr	1977-06-24	zero
Radium-226	--	--	1	0.05	2006	--	--	--
Radium-228	--	--	1	0.019	2006	--	--	--
Radium-226 + Radium-228	5 <sup>6</sup> 5	2006-06-11 1977	--	--	--	5	1977-06-24	zero
Strontium-90	8 <sup>9</sup> 8	2006-06-11 1977	2	0.35	2006	4 mrem/yr <sup>10</sup> 8	2003-12-08 1977-06-24	--
Tritium	20,000 <sup>9</sup> 20,000	2006-06-11 1977	1,000	400	2006	4 mrem/yr <sup>10</sup> 20,000	2003-12-08 1977-06-24	--
Uranium	20 <sup>6</sup> 20	2006-06-11 1989-01-01	1	0.43	2001	30 µg/L <sup>11</sup>	2003-12-08	zero

<sup>5</sup> Excludes alpha particle activity from radon and uranium.

<sup>6</sup> Revised MCL applies to both community (CWS) and nontransient noncommunity water systems (NTNCWS); previous MCL applied only to CWS.

<sup>7</sup> OEHHA concluded in 2003 that it would not be practical to develop a PHG ([for gross alpha particle activity](#), [for gross beta particle/photon emitters](#)).

<sup>8</sup> Beta/photon emitters MCLs are in units of millirems per year (mrem/yr) annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. The DLR is in units of pCi/L of gross beta particle activity.

<sup>9</sup> Revised MCL applies to all CWS and NTNCWS; previous MCL applied only to water systems with at least 30,000 service connections that used surface water.

<sup>10</sup> U.S. EPA does not have specific MCLs for strontium-90 or tritium; both are regulated under the beta/photon emitters MCL.

<sup>11</sup> U.S. EPA MCL of 30 µg/L is equivalent to 20.1 pCi/L (unit conversion using natural uranium specific activity of 0.67 pCi/µg).

## Copper and Lead

Standards for lead and copper are called “Action Levels” instead of MCLs. If a system exceeds an Action Level, it must take certain actions such as additional monitoring, corrosion control studies and treatment, and for lead, a public education program. The information in the following table can be found in [22 CCR §64678](#) (California Action Levels and DLRs), [OEHA's website](#) (California PHGs), [40 CFR §141.80](#) (U.S. EPA Action Levels), and [40 CFR §141.51](#) (U.S. EPA MCLGs). The values in this table are in **units of micrograms per liter (µg/L)**.

Contaminants	California					U.S. EPA		
	Action Level	Action Level Effective Date	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	Action Level	Action Level Effective Date	MCLG
Copper	1,300	1995-12-11	50	300	2008	1,300	1991-11-06	1,300
Lead	15	1995-12-11	5	0.2	2009	15	1991-11-06	zero
	50	1977				50	1977-06-24	

## Treatment Techniques

A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce contaminant levels in drinking water, safeguarding public health. Rather than setting specific limits on contaminant concentrations, the treatment techniques below focus on the processes used to ensure protection from contaminants:

- **Coliform:** If a water system finds coliform bacteria (which indicate the presence of harmful microorganisms), they must assess and fix any issues in actions called Level 1 and Level 2 assessments.
- **Viruses:** Systems must treat groundwater to remove or inactivate at least 99.99% of viruses using methods like disinfection. They must monitor and correct any issues within hours if they fail to meet these standards.
- **Cryptosporidium:** For surface water or groundwater influenced by surface water, system must treat to remove or inactivate a parasite called Cryptosporidium, which involves special filtration and disinfection processes.
- **Disinfection Byproducts:** Systems have several options for treatment techniques to reduce the levels of disinfection byproducts (total trihalomethanes (TTHMs), haloacetic acids (HAA5), bromate, and chlorite).
- **Acrylamide and Epichlorohydrin:** Water systems that use certain chemicals in the treatment process must certify that the chemical levels are kept below safe limits.

## Secondary Standards

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCLs) provide water quality standards related to aesthetic aspects of drinking water, such as taste, odor, and appearance. Though not directly linked to health risks, SMCLs play a crucial role in maintaining

consumer confidence and satisfaction. The information in the following two tables can be found in [22 CCR §64449](#) (California SMCLs) and [40 CFR §143.3](#) (U.S. EPA SMCLs). The values in this table are in **units of micrograms per liter (µg/L)** unless otherwise stated.

Chemical	California			U.S. EPA	
	SMCL	SMCL Effective Date	SMCL	SMCL Effective Date	
Aluminum	200	1994-09-08	50 to 200	1992-07-30	
Color	15 Units	1977	15 Units	1981-01-19	
Copper	1,000	1977	1,000 <sup>12</sup> 1,000	1992-07-30 1981-01-19	
Corrosivity	--	Removed	Non-corrosive	1981-01-19	
Fluoride	See <a href="#">22 CCR §64433.2</a>	1998-04-22	2,000	1986-05-02	
Foaming Agents (MBAS)	500	1977	500	1981-01-19	
Iron	300	1977	300	1981-01-19	
Manganese	50	1977	50	1981-01-19	
Methyl- <i>tert</i> -butyl ether (MTBE)	5	1999-01-07	--	--	
Odor - Threshold	3 Units	1977	3 Units	1981-01-19	
pH	--	--	6.5 to 8.5	1981-01-19	
Silver	100	--	100	1992-07-30	
Thiobencarb	1	1989-04-05	--	--	
Turbidity	5 Units	1977	--	--	
Zinc	5,000	1977	5,000	1981-01-19	
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L) or Specific Conductance (µS/cm <sup>9</sup> )	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Upper</b>	<b>Short Term</b>		
	500	1,000	1,500	--	1981-01-19
	900	1,600	2,200	--	--
	250	500	600	--	1981-01-19
	250	500	600	--	1981-01-19

<sup>12</sup> The updated SMCL for copper increased the number of significant figures from 1 to 2.

## Chemicals soon to be regulated in drinking water in California

The information in the following table can be found in [OEHHA's website](#) (California PHGs), [40 CFR §141.61](#) (U.S. EPA MCLs), and [40 CFR §141.50](#) (U.S. EPA MCLGs). The values in this table are in **units of nanograms per liter (ng/L)** unless otherwise stated.

Chemicals	California				U.S. EPA		
	MCL	DLR	PHG	PHG Date	MCL	MCL Effective Date	MCLG
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)	--	--	3	2006	--	--	--
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	--	--	0.007	2024	4.0	2029-04-26	zero
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	--	--	1	2024	4.0	2029-04-26	zero
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)	--	--	--	--	10.0	2029-04-26	10
Perfluorononanoate (PFNA)	--	--	--	--	10.0	2029-04-26	10
2,3,3-Tetrafluoro-2-(heptafluoropropoxy)propanoate (HFPO-DA or GenX Chemicals)	--	--	--	--	10.0	2029-04-26	10
PFAS Hazard Index <sup>13</sup> (includes HFPO-DA, PFBS <sup>14</sup> , PFHxS, and PFNA)	--	--	--	--	1 (unitless)	2029-04-26	1 (unitless)

<sup>13</sup> PFAS Hazard Index =  $\frac{[\text{HFPO-DA}_{\text{water}} \text{ ng/L}]/[10 \text{ ng/L}]}{([\text{PFHxS}_{\text{water}} \text{ ng/L}]/[10 \text{ ng/L}])} + \frac{[\text{PFBS}_{\text{water}} \text{ ng/L}]/[2000 \text{ ng/L}]}{([\text{PFNA}_{\text{water}} \text{ ng/L}]/[10 \text{ ng/L}])} +$

<sup>14</sup> Perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS)