



Consumer Confidence Report for Calendar Year **2017**

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

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AZ04-07069	Town of Gila Bend		
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<p>We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more about public participation or to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings, please contact <u>Bob Hanus</u> at <u>602-327-3460</u> for additional opportunity and meeting dates and times.</p>			

Drinking Water Sources

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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

Our water source(s): [Ground water from wells #5, #6 & #7](#)

Drinking Water Contaminants

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: Such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses that may come from a variety of sources

Organic Chemical Contaminants: Such as synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants: That can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Vulnerable Population

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

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

Source Water Assessment

- **IF SWA REPORT INDICATES YOUR SUSCEPTIBILITY IS LOW RISK:** Based on the information currently available on the hydrogeologic settings of and the adjacent land uses that are in the specified proximity of the drinking water source(s) of this public water system, the department has given a low risk designation for the degree to which this public water system drinking water source(s) are protected. A low risk designation indicates that most source water protection measures are either already implemented, or the hydrogeology is such that the source water protection measures will have little impact on protection.

Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Million fibers per liter (MFL)

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

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

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

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

ppq: Parts per quadrillion or ppm x 1000 = ppb

Picograms per liter (pg/L) ppb x 1000 = ppt

ppt x 1000 = ppq

Lead Informational Statement: *(Applies to All Water Systems, please do not remove even if your system did not detect any Lead)*

Lead, in drinking water, is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. **Town of Gila Bend** is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Water Quality Data – Regulated Contaminants

Microbiological (RTCR)	TT Violation Y or N	Number of Positive Samples	Positive Sample(s) Month & Year	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination	
E. Coli	N	NONE	N/A	0	0	Human and animal fecal waste	
Fecal Indicator (From GWR source) (coliphage, enterococci and/or E. coli)	N	NONE	N/A	0	0	Human and animal fecal waste	
Disinfectants	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA)	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MRDL	MRDLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine/Chloramine (ppm)	N	0.69	0.27-1.07	4	0	2017	Water additive used to control microbes
Disinfection By-Products	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N	N/D	N/D	60	N/A	07/2017	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	N	0.6 ppb	N/D - 0.6 ppb	80	N/A	07/2017	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Lead & Copper	MCL Violation Y or N	90 th Percentile	Number of Samples Exceeds AL	AL	ALG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	N	0.035 ppm	NONE	1.3	1.3	08/2016	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	N	4.2 ppb	NONE	15	0	08/2016	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic ¹ (ppb)	N	4.3 ppb	N/D-4.3 ppb	10	0	2017	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	N	0.012 ppm	0.012 ppm	2	2	10/2013	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	N	6.8 ppb	6.8 ppb	100	100	10/2013	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	N	2.28 ppm	2.09-2.41 ppm	4	4	2017	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	N	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	10	10	05/2017	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<p>¹ Arsenic is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentration and is linked to other health effects, such as skin damage and circulatory problems. If arsenic is less than or equal to the MCL, your drinking water meets EPA's standards. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water, and continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic.</p> <p>² Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause "blue baby syndrome." Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider.</p>							
Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOC)	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
2,4-D (ppb)	N	<70ppb	<70ppb	70	70	02/2016	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
2,4,5-TP (a.k.a. Silvex) (ppb)	N	<50ppb	<50ppb	50	50	02/2016	Residue of banned herbicide
Atrazine (ppb)	N	<3ppb	<3ppb	3	3	02/2016	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Benzo (a) pyrene (PAH) (ppt)	N	<200ppt	<200ppt	200	0	02/2016	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
Chlordane (ppb)	N	<1ppb	<1ppb	2	0	02/2016	Residue of banned termiticide
Dalapon (ppb)	N	<200ppb	<200ppb	200	200	02/2016	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way

Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate (ppb)	N	<400ppb	<400ppb	400	400	02/2016	Discharge from chemical factories
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (ppb)	N	<6ppb	<6ppb	6	0	02/2016	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
Dibromochloropropane (ppt)	N	<100ppt	<100ppt	200	0	02/2016	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and orchards
Dinoseb (ppb)	N	<7ppb	<7ppb	7	7	02/2016	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables
Diquat (ppb)	N	<20ppb	<20ppb	20	20	02/2016	Runoff from herbicide use
Endothall (ppb)	N	<100ppb	<100ppb	100	100	02/2016	Runoff from herbicide use
Endrin (ppb)	N	<1ppb	<1ppb	2	2	02/2016	Residue of banned insecticide
Ethylene dibromide (ppt)	N	<10ppt	<10ppt	50	0	02/2016	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Glyphosate (ppb)	N	<700ppb	<700ppb	700	700	02/2016	Runoff from herbicide use
Heptachlor (ppt)	N	<10ppt	<10ppt	400	0	02/2016	Residue of banned termiticide
Heptachlor epoxide (ppt)	N	<10ppt	<10ppt	200	0	02/2016	Breakdown of heptachlor
Hexachlorobenzene (ppb)	N	<1ppb	<1ppb	1	0	02/2016	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
Hexachlorocyclo pentadiene (ppb)	N	<50ppb	<50ppb	50	50	02/2016	Discharge from chemical factories
Lindane (ppt)	N	<10ppt	<10ppt	200	200	02/2016	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, gardens
Methoxychlor (ppb)	N	<0.05ppb	<0.05ppb	40	40	02/2016	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa,
Oxamyl (a.k.a. Vydate) (ppb)	N	<200ppb	<200ppb	200	200	02/2016	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes
Pentachlorophenol (ppb)	N	<1ppb	<1ppm	1	0	02/2016	Discharge from wood preserving factories
Picloram (ppb)	N	<500ppb	<500ppb	500	500	02/2016	Herbicide runoff
Simazine (ppb)	N	<4ppb	<4ppb	4	4	02/2016	Herbicide runoff
Toxaphene (ppb)	N	<0.05ppb	<0.05ppb	3	0	02/2016	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle
Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOC)	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Benzene (ppb)	N	<5ppb	<5ppb	5	0	02/2016	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
Carbon tetrachloride (ppb)	N	<5ppb	<5ppb	5	0	02/2016	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
Chlorobenzene (ppb)	N	<100ppb	<100ppb	100	100	02/2016	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	N	<600ppb	<600ppb	600	600	02/2016	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	N	<75ppb	<75ppb	75	75	02/2016	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloroethane (ppb)	N	<5ppb	<5ppb	5	0	02/2016	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	N	<7ppb	<7ppb	7	7	02/2016	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	N	<70ppb	<70ppb	70	70	02/2016	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	N	<100ppb	<100ppb	100	100	02/2016	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane (ppb)	N	<5ppb	<5ppb	5	0	02/2016	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	N	<5ppb	<5ppb	5	0	02/2016	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	N	<700ppb	<700ppb	700	700	02/2016	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Styrene (ppb)	N	<100ppb	<100ppb	100	100	02/2016	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)	N	,5ppb	<5ppb	5	0	02/2016	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (ppb)	N	<70ppb	<70ppb	70	70	02/2016	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb)	N	<200ppb	<200ppb	200	200	02/2016	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (ppb)	N	<5ppb	<5ppb	5	3	02/2016	Discharge from industrial

							chemical factories
Trichloroethylene (ppb)	N	<5ppb	<5ppb	5	0	02/2016	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Toluene (ppm)	N	<1ppm	<1ppm	1	1	02/2016	Discharge from petroleum factories
Vinyl Chloride (ppb)	N	<2ppb	<2ppb	2	0	02/2016	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from chemical factories
Xylenes (ppm)	N	<10ppm	<10ppm	10	10	02/2016	Discharge from petroleum or chemical factories

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

Violation Type	Explanation, Health Effects	Time Period	Corrective Actions
<i>(Example: Reporting failure)</i>	<i>(Example: Forgot to sample for RTRC)</i>	<i>(Example: 14 days)</i>	<i>(Example: Sent in May results to show that the system is not serving contaminated water)</i>
Secondary Limit Exceedance	Exceeded secondary limit for Fluoride at Point of Entry 003; Average result of 2.28 mg/L	2017	Reevaluate blending plan