

# Understanding Your WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual water quality report that a community water system is required by law to provide to its customers each year by July 1st. Your CCR can help you make informed choices about the water you drink.

## Your CCR Provides Need-To-Know Information

SUCH AS:



Where your **water comes from**—such as an aquifer, lake, river, or other source.



A list of **regulated contaminants** that the CWS detected and the level.



Potential **health effects** from consuming contaminated water and additional safeguards against water-related illnesses.



**Contaminant levels** in your CCR compared to national standards and any violations of health-based standards.

## Sample Water Quality Data Table

Your CCR will also include a water quality data table that may look similar to this:

**1**

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** If the value in the “Your Water” column is below this MCLG there is no known or expected risk to your health.

**2**

**Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG):** If the value in the “Your Water” column is below the MRDLG there is no known or expected risk to your health.

**3**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** If the value in the “Your Water” column is above the MCL, the system is in violation of EPA’s regulations.

**4**

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

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Sources
				Low	High			
Disinfectant Residual								
Chloramine (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (mg/L)	4	4	1	1	3	2008	No	Water additive to control microbes.
Inorganic Contaminants								
Antimony (ppb)	6	6	ND	N/A		2008	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Radioactive Contaminants								
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	4*	1	4	2006	No	Erosion of natural deposits

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**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in your drinking water. A certain amount of disinfectant has been shown to help control germs and microbes in the water.

**6**

**Your Water:** The highest level of that contaminant found in your water during sampling.

**7**

**Range detected:** The “range” refers to the levels—high and low—at which contaminants were detected in your drinking water.

**8**

**Violation:** Shows if a contaminant is present in your drinking water is above the level allowed by EPA.

## WHY don't I get a CCR?



If you **don't pay your own water bill** because you live in an apartment, condo, or rental property or you get your water from a private ground water well, you don't receive a CCR. Renters can contact their building manager or search online to see if your CWS publishes its CCR.

## Questions Or Concerns About Your CCR



**CALL EPA'S SAFE WATER HOTLINE** at 1-800-426-4791 if you would like to know more about your CCR, how to locate your local water company, or for more resources.



**CONTACT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER** if you are sensitive to contaminants or if you are at higher risk of infections.



**CONTACT YOUR WATER COMPANY** for information on how to remove chemicals and microbes from your water source.

For more information, visit: [epa.gov/ccr](http://epa.gov/ccr)