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# Substances That Could Be in Water

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

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) 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. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health. 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.

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 can result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; Pesticides and Herbicides that 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 which can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural applications, and septic systems; Radioactive Contaminants that can be naturally occurring or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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# **Test Results**

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Nitrate [as nitrogen] (ppm)	2022	10 <sub>c</sub>	10	3.88	ND-9.6	Yes	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHMs [total trihalomethanes]– Stage 2 (ppb)	2022	80	NA	35.8	ND-65	Yes	By-product of drinking water disinfection
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Turbidity (NTU)	2022	ΤT	NA	0.035	0.020-0.072	Yes	Soil runoff
<b>Turbidity</b> (lowest monthly percent of samples meeting limit)	2022	TT = 95% of samples meet the limit	NA	100% of samples ≤0.1 NTU	NA	Yes	Soil runoff

### Tap water samples were collected for lead and copper analyses from sample sites throughout the community

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AL	PHG (MCLG)	AVERAGE DETECTED (90TH %ILE)	SITES ABOVE AL/TOTAL SITES	IN COMPLIANCE	TYPICAL SOURCE
Copper (ppm)	2021	1.3	0.3	0.17	0/53	Yes	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	2021	15	0.2	ND	0/53	Yes	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

# SECONDARY SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	IN COMPLIANCE	TYPICAL SOURCE
Chloride (ppm)	2022	500	NS	8.4	3.4–34	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Color (units)	2022	15	NS	4.7	ND-5	Yes	Naturally occurring organic materials
Iron (ppb)	2022	300	NS	3.4	ND-93	Yes	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese (ppb)	2022	50	NS	1.45	ND-31	Yes	Leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	2022	1,600	NS	312	36–670	Yes	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	2022	500	NS	9.6	1.8–37	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2022	1,000	NS	221	36–430	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	2022	5	NS	0.30	ND-0.93	Yes	Soil runoff

### UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOURCE
Hardness, Total [as CaCO3] (ppm)	2022	120.4	12–290	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally naturally occurring magnesium and calcium
$\label{eq:perfluorobutanesulfonic Acid [PFBS]_{E} (ppt)$	2022	1.30	ND-12.0	NA
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Sodium (ppm)	2022	20.5	3.7–69	Naturally occurring

# FOOTNOTES

<sub>A</sub> This substance had an NL of 5 ppt until December 14, 2017, when the MCL of 5 ppt became effective.

<sup>B</sup>There is currently no MCL for hexavalent chromium. The previous MCL of 0.010 ppm was withdrawn on September 11, 2017. Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of 0.010 ppm over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. This substance was included with UCMR3 sampling in 2015. Results did not require additional sampling.

<sup>c</sup> Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm can be a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. 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. Durregulated contaminant monitoring helps U.S. EPA and the State Board determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the contaminants need to be regulated.

Part of a larger group of chemicals referred to as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Studies indicate that long-term exposure to PFOS and PFOA over certain levels could have adverse health effects. Potential health impacts related to PFAS are still being studied, and research is still evolving. Although there is no MCL set for these substances, we have proactively monitored sources and will continue to do so.

Wells 42, T-5, and T-6 had PFOS test results above the NL of 6.5 ppt but below the RL of 40 ppt. Well T-5 was offline all year. Wells 42 and T-6 had PFOA test results above the NL of 5.1 ppt. Well T-5 had results above the RL of 10 ppt but was offline and did not run into the water system.



# Definitions

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

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): 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 (SMCLs) are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. EPA.

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level):** 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.

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**ND** (Not detected): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

NL (Notification Level): Established health-based advisory level.

NS: No standard.

**NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units):** Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

pCi/L (picocuries per liter): A measure of radioactivity.

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

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**RL** (**Response Level**): Level at which recommendation occurs.

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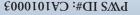
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Turbidity (NTU)	2022	TT	NA	0.035	0.020-0.072	Yes	Soil runoff
<b>Turbidity</b> (lowest monthly percent of samples meeting limit)	2022	TT = 95% of samples meet the limit	NA	100% of samples ≤0.1 NTU	NA	Yes	Soil runoff

Tap water samples were collected for lead and copper analyses from sample sites throughout the community

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AL	PHG (MCLG)	AVERAGE DETECTED (90TH %ILE)	SITES ABOVE AL/TOTAL SITES	IN Complian	ICE TYPICAL S	SOURCE				
Copper (ppm)	2021	1.3	0.3	0.17	0/53	Yes	Internal	corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosio	of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives			
Lead (ppb)	2021	15	0.2	ND	0/53	Yes	Internal o	corrosion of household water plumbing systems; di	scharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits			
SECONDARY SUBS	STANCES								FOOTNOTES			
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)		YEAR SAMPLE		PHG L (MCLG)	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	IN COMPLIANCE	TYPICAL SOURCE	A This substance had an NL of 5 ppt until December 14, 2017, when the MCL of 5 ppt became effective. B There is currently no MCL for hexavalent chromium. The previous			
Chloride (ppm)		2022	500	) NS	8.4	3.4–34	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence	MCL of 0.010 ppm was withdrawn on September 11, 2017. Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess			
Color (units)		2022	. 15	NS	4.7	ND-5	Yes	Naturally occurring organic materials	of 0.010 ppm over many years may have an increased risk of getting			
Iron (ppb)		2022	300	) NS	3.4	ND-93	Yes	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes	cancer. This substance was included with UCMR3 sampling in 2015. Results did not require additional sampling. Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm can be a health			
Manganese (ppb)		2022	50	NS	1.45	ND-31	Yes	Leaching from natural deposits	risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in			
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	e	2022	1,60	0 NS	312	36–670	Yes	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence	drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 10 ppm may also affect the ability			
Sulfate (ppm)		2022	. 500	) NS	9.6	1.8–37	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes	of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies.			
Total Dissolved Solid	<b>ds</b> (ppm)	2022	1,00	0 NS	221	36–430	Yes	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	<sup>D</sup> Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps U.S. EPA and the State Board determine where certain contaminants occur and whether			
Turbidity (NTU)		2022	. 5	NS	0.30	ND-0.93	Yes	Soil runoff	the contaminants need to be regulated.			
UNREGULATED SU	JBSTANC	ES D							Part of a larger group of chemicals referred to as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Studies indicate that long-term			
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)				YEAR SAMPLED	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOU	RCE	exposure to PFOS and PFOA over certain levels could have adverse health effects. Potential health impacts related to PFAS are still			
Hardness, Total [as C	CaCO3] (p	pm)		2022	120.4	12–290		valent cations present in the water, generally curring magnesium and calcium	being studied, and research is still evolving. Although there is no MCL set for these substances, we have proactively monitored			
Perfluorobutanesulfo	onic Acid	[PFBS] <sub>E</sub>	(ppt)	2022	1.30	ND-12.0	NA		sources and will continue to do so. "Wells 42, T-5, and T-6 had PFOS test results above the NL of 6.5 ppt			
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<b>Perfluorooctanesulfonate Acid</b> [ <b>PFOS</b> ] <sub>E</sub> (ppt)	2022	3.78	ND-20 <sub>F</sub>	NA	but below the RL of		
Perfluorooctanoic Acid [PFOA] <sub>E</sub> (ppt)	2022	2.25	ND-12 <sub>G</sub>	NA	<sub>G</sub> Wells 42 and T-6 ha T-5 had results abo		
Sodium (ppm)	2022	20.5	3.7–69	Naturally occurring	run into the water s		

### out below the RL of 40 ppt. Well T-5 was offline all year. Nells 42 and T-6 had PFOA test results above the NL of 5.1 ppt. Well F-5 had results above the RL of 10 ppt but was offline and did not run into the water system.

# **Definitions**

**90th %ile:** The levels reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile of the total number of sites tested. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of our lead and copper detections.

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

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): 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 (SMCLs) are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. EPA.

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level):** 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.

**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal):** 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.

NA: Not applicable.

**ND** (Not detected): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

NL (Notification Level): Established health-based advisory level.

NS: No standard.

**NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units):** Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

pCi/L (picocuries per liter): A measure of radioactivity.

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

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

**ppb (parts per billion):** One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

**ppm (parts per million):** One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

**ppt (parts per trillion):** One part substance per trillion parts water (or nanograms per liter).

RL (Response Level): Level at which recommendation occurs.

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

**µmho/cm (micromhos per centimeter):** A unit expressing the amount of electrical conductivity of a solution.