

2024 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: **CalEnergy (Salton Sea Unit No III) #1300637** Report Date: **6/24/2025**

We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2024, and may include earlier monitoring data.

Type of water source(s) in use: **Surface Water and Potable Bulk Hauled Water**

Name & general location of source(s): **East Highline Canal & VAIL LAT 4 - GATE 416A**

Listed results are from raw source water, except the following are from treated water: TTHM's, HAA5's, Copper and Lead Rule.

Drinking Water Source Assessment information: **Assessment conducted by ICPHD in February 2023. Please contact Environmental Services for a copy of the DWSA. Water not used for drinking.**

Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: **Not Applicable**

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Term	Definition
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an <i>E. coli</i> MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
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.
Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS)	MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
Public Health Goal (PHG)	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 Environmental Protection Agency.
Regulatory Action Level (AL)	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS)	MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.
Treatment Technique (TT)	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Variances and Exemptions	Permissions from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.
ND	Not detectable at testing limit.
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 picogram per liter (pg/L)
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

Sources of Drinking Water and Contaminants that May Be Present in Source 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.

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, 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, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Regulation of Drinking Water and Bottled Water Quality

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA and the 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.

About Your Drinking Water Quality

Drinking Water Contaminants Detected

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State Board allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old. Any violation of an AL, MCL, MRDL, or TT is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

Table 1. Sampling Results Showing the Detection of Coliform Bacteria

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria (State Total Coliform Rule)	(In a month)	0	1 positive monthly sample ^(a)	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i> (State Total Coliform Rule)	(In the year)	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one of these is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive	0	Human and animal fecal waste
<i>E. coli</i> (Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule)	(In the year)	0	(a)	0	Human and animal fecal waste

(a) Two or more positive monthly samples is a violation of the MCL

(b) Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is *E. coli*-positive or system fails to take repeat samples following *E. coli*-positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for *E. coli*

Table 2. Sampling Results Showing the Detection of Lead and Copper

Lead and Copper	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90 th Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Range of Results	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (µg/L)	8/11/22	5	0.460	0	15	0.2	ND-0.69	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (mg/L)	8/11/22	5	0.089	0	1.3	0.3	ND-0.12	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Table 3. Sampling Results for Sodium and Hardness

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (mg/L)	10/17/24	120	N/A	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (mg/L)	10/17/24	360	N/A	None	None	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

Table 4. Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard**Inorganic Contaminants**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Location	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Aluminum (mg/L)	East Highline Canal	4 quarterly samples in 2024	0.250	ND-0.42	1	0.6	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water Treatment process
	Vail Lat 4-Gate 416A	10/17/24	0.220	N/A			
Arsenic (ug/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	2.8	N/A	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production waste
	Vail Lat 4-Gate 416A	10/17/24	2.6	N/A			
Barium (ug/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	150	N/A	1000	2000	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge of oil drilling; Drilling waste; and from metal refineries
	Vail Lat 4-Gate 416A	10/17/24	140	N/A			
Fluoride (mg/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	0.36	N/A	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
	Vail Lat 4-Gate 416A	10/17/24	0.36	N/A			
Uranium (pCi/L)	East Highline Canal	4/27/2022	2.4	N/A	1.0	20	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts, Disinfectant Residuals, and Disinfection Byproduct Precursors

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Distribution Pump Outlet (U3-1A) TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ug/L)	8/12/24	38.0	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Distribution Pump Outlet (U3-1A) HAA5 (Sum of 5 Haloacetic Acids) (ug/L)	8/12/24	8.0	60	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Unit 1 & 2 Kitchen Sink Faucet (U3-6) TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ug/L)	8/12/24	52.0	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Unit 1 & 2 Kitchen Sink Faucet (U3-6) HAA5 (Sum of 5 Haloacetic Acids) (ug/L)	8/12/24	9.2	60	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Unit 3 Control Building Sink Sparkletts Faucet (U3-1B) TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ug/L)	8/12/24	3.2	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Unit 3 Control Building Sink Sparkletts Faucet (U3-1B) HAA5 (Sum of 5 Haloacetic Acids) (ug/L)	8/12/24	ND	60	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Table 5. Detection of Contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sampling Location	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Manganese (ug/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	34.0	N/A	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits
	Vail Lat 4- Gate 416A	10/17/24	ND	N/A			
Iron (ug/L)	East Highline Canal	4 quarterly samples in 2024	*307.5	ND-580	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
	Vail Lat 4- Gate 416A	10/17/24	260	N/A			
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (mg/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	700	N/A	1000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
	Vail Lat 4- Gate 416A	Not Sampled in 2024	N/A	N/A			
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	1200	N/A	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
	Vail Lat 4- Gate 416A	Not Sampled in 2024	N/A	N/A			
Chloride (mg/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	120	N/A	500	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
	Vail Lat 4- Gate 416A	Not Sampled in 2024	N/A	N/A			
Sulfate (mg/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	280	N/A	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
	Vail Lat 4- Gate 416A	Not Sampled in 2024	N/A	N/A			

(*) Joint Monitoring Program (JMP) data indicated secondary MCLs for iron were exceeded in 2024.

6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sampling Location	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects Language
Boron (ug/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	190	N/A	1000	Boron exposures resulted in decreased fetal weight (developmental effects) in newborn rats.
	Vail Lat4-Gate 416A	Not Sampled in 2024	N/A	N/A		
Vanadium (ug/L)	East Highline Canal	10/17/24	3.7	N/A	50	Vanadium exposures resulted in developmental and reproductive effects in rats.
	Vail Lat4-Gate 416A	10/17/24	4.1	N/A		

Additional General Information on Drinking Water

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 U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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. U.S. EPA/Centers 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 Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Additional Information for Lead: A service line inventory has been prepared that identifies the material and location of each service line connected to the public water distribution system. The inventory can be found on our [Environmental SharePoint](#).

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. **CalEnergy (Salton Sea Unit III) #1300637** is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact **CalEnergy Public Water Specialist (760) 790-6761**. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Additional Special Language for Nitrate, Arsenic, Lead, Radon, and *Cryptosporidium*: None

State Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR): None

*Joint Monitoring Program (JMP) data indicated secondary MCLs for iron were exceeded in 2024.

Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, or Monitoring and Reporting Requirement

Table 7. Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT or Monitoring Reporting Requirement

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

For Water Systems Providing Groundwater as a Source of Drinking Water

Table 8. Sampling Results Showing Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Samples

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if fecal-indicator detected)	Total No. of Detections	Sample Dates	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Summary Information for Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Samples, Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies, or Violation of a Groundwater TT

Special Notice of Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Sample: N/A

Special Notice for Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies: N/A

Table 9. Violation of Groundwater TT

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

For Systems Providing Surface Water as a Source of Drinking Water

Table 10. Sampling Results Showing Treatment of Surface Water Sources

Treatment Technique ^(a) (Type of approved filtration technology used)	Desal DK-5 Membranes
Turbidity Performance Standards ^(b) (that must be met through the water treatment process)	Turbidity of the filtered water must: 1 – Be less than or equal to 0.1 NTU in 95% of measurements in a month. 2 – Not exceed 1.0 NTU for more than eight consecutive hours. 3 – Not exceed 1.0 NTU at any time.
Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standard No. 1.	98%
Highest single turbidity measurement during the year	1.00 NTU *
Number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements	0

(*) This value is due to bubbling effect on cuvette during start up. Issue clears up after completing maintenance or allowing the system to run.

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

(b) Turbidity (measured in NTU) is a measurement of the cloudiness of water and is a good indicator of water quality and filtration performance. Turbidity results which meet performance standards are considered to be in compliance with filtration requirements.

Summary Information for Violation of a Surface Water TT

Table 11. Violation of Surface Water TT

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A