

2023 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Information

Water System Name: Southern California Edison Bishop Creek Plant 4. System #1400078

Report Date: June 18, 2024

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: Groundwater Well

Name and General Location of Source(s): Well 01 S is located at the Bishop Creek Plant 4 Facility

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: The source assessment was updated in March 2012. The source is considered vulnerable to the following activities not associated with a detection in the water supply: sewer collection systems and septic systems-low density. The complete assessment is available for review at Inyo County Environmental Health Services, 207 W. South Street, Bishop, or call 760-873-7865. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, San Bernardino Branch, 464 W. 4th St., Rm 437 San Bernardino, CA, 909-383-4328 will also have this information.

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: n/a

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About This Report

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, 2023 and may include earlier monitoring data.

Importance of This Report Statement in Five Non-English Languages (Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Hmong)

Language in Spanish: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse Southern California Edison Bishop Creek Plant 4. System #1400078 a 4000 Bishop Creek Road, Bishop, CA 93514 para asistirlo en español.

Language in Mandarin: 这份报告含有关于您的饮用水的重要讯息。请用以下地址和电话联系 Southern California Edison Bishop Creek Plant 4. System #1400078 以获得中文的帮助: 4000 Bishop Creek Road, Bishop, CA 93514.

Language in Tagalog: Ang pag-uulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa inyong inuming tubig. Mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa Southern California Edison Bishop Creek Plant 4 o tumawag sa 4000 Bishop Creek Road, Bishop, CA 93514 para matulungan sa wikang Tagalog.

Language in Vietnamese: Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Xin vui lòng liên hệ Southern California Edison Bishop Creek Plant 4. System #1400078 tại 4000 Bishop Creek Road, Bishop, CA 93514 để được hỗ trợ giúp bằng tiếng Việt.

Language in Hmong: Tsab ntawv no muaj cov ntsiab lus tseem ceeb txog koj cov dej haus. Thov hu rau Southern California Edison Bishop Creek Plant 4. System #1400078 ntawm 4000 Bishop Creek Road, Bishop, CA 93514 rau kev pab hauv lus Askiv.

Terms Used in This Report

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)

Term	Definition
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

Complete if bacteria are detected.

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	3	1	1 positive monthly routine, 1 positive repeat, & 1 positive triggered source samples in January ^(a)	0	Naturally present in the environment
<i>E. coli</i> Bacteria	0	0	N/A ^(a)	0	Human and animal fecal waste

(a) 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

Complete if lead or copper is detected in the last sample set.

Lead and Copper	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90 th Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	08/31/22	5	1.1	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	08/31/22	5	0.0705	0	1.3	0.3	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 (ppm)	08/31/22	8.6	n/a	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	08/31/22	63.9	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

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (as N)	08/30/23	0.27	n/a	10	n/a	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaking from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposit
Total Chlorine Residual (free chlorine)	2023	0.60 [avg]	0.23 to 1.2	4	4	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Combined Uranium (pci/l)	04/27/23 & 01/11/23	3.8 [avg]	3.4 to 4.2	20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pci/l)	04/27/23 & 01/11/23	4.1 [avg]	2.91 to 5.20	15	n/a	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	08/31/22	0.17	n/a	2	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
Uranium (µs/cm)	08/31/22	3.8	n/a	20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits

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

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Conductivity @ 25 C (umho/cm)	07/18/23	160	n/a	1600	n/a	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Chloride (ppm)	08/31/22	0.89	n/a	100	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	08/31/22	7.6	n/a	500	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	08/31/22	110	n/a	1000	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Zinc (ppb)	08/31/22	24	n/a	5000	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	08/31/22	0.35	n/a	5	n/a	Soil runoff

Table 6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects
Bicarbonate Alkalinity	08/31/22	90	n/a	n/a	n/a
Calcium	08/31/22	20.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Magnesium	08/31/22	3.07	n/a	n/a	n/a
pH, Laboratory	08/31/22	7.54	n/a	n/a	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).

No issues regarding lead were found in your drinking water system. 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. Southern California Edison Bishop Plant 4 (#1400078) 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. [Optional: If you do so, you may wish to collect the flushed water and reuse it for another beneficial purpose, such as watering plants.] 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

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
Total Coliform Bacteria (State Total Coliform Rule)	1 positive monthly routine, 1 positive repeat, & 1 positive triggered source samples in January	Two weeks	Chlorination of distribution system	Samples were positive for TC, but not E. coli. No health effects anticipated

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
<i>E. coli</i>	0	n/a	0	(0)	Human and animal fecal waste
Enterococci	0	n/a	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste
Coliphage	0	n/a	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste

Summary Information for Revised Total Coliform Rule Level 1 and Level 2 Assessment Requirements

Level 1 or Level 2 Assessment Requirement not Due to an *E. coli* MCL Violation

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

During the past year one Level 2 assessment was required to be completed for our water system. One Level 2 assessments was completed. In addition, we were required to take one corrective action and we completed this action.

Important Reminder About Your Water Systems

Difference Between Potable Water and Non-Potable Water

There are two (2) separate water systems at Bishop Plant 4. One is the groundwater well drinking water system that all building plumbing is connected to for safe drinking water. The other is a surface water irrigation & fire fighting system, which is not safe for drinking. You can tell the difference by looking at the hose bibs. Hose bibs connected to the side of buildings and the outdoor hose bibs with orange handles are connected to the drinking water system. The orange handle hose bibs are not intended to be drank from and should not be used for consumption.

Fire hydrants and outdoor hose bibs that are not colored orange or connected to the side of buildings are connected to the non-potable surface water system. The surface water system is expressly limited to firefighting and irrigation purposes only, consumption of this water is prohibited. Please do not interact with these devices unless there is an emergency, or you are a qualified company employee/contractor.