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# LADWP-Mountain View Trailer Court 2023 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2023 Drinking Water Quality Report for the LADWP-Mountain View Trailer Court (MVTC) was prepared by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). This annual Drinking Water Quality Report (also known as a Consumer Confidence Report or CCR) is required by the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW) and is prepared in accordance with their guidelines. The report provides information about drinking water at MVTC during the 2023 calendar year (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023). Only those constituents that were detected are listed.

## SUMMARY

The water provided by LADWP-MVTC meets all state and federal drinking water requirements. Only the following substances with primary standards were detected at low levels in the water supplied to MVTC: Arsenic, Fluoride, Nitrate and Uranium: DDW allows LADWP to monitor for a few contaminants less than once per year, because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than a year old. The data for lead and copper on this table are the results of residential tap monitoring conducted in 2021 as required by the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). For more information on these contaminants, please refer to the Table 1 "Primary Drinking Water Substances Detected in Drinking Water."

**Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.**

**Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien**

## WHERE DOES MY WATER COME FROM?

The term “source water” describes where LADWP obtains the water you drink. All drinking water, tap or bottled, comes from either surface water or groundwater sources. Surface water sources include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, or reservoirs. Groundwater sources are springs or wells.

The LADWP-MVTC receives water from Well 01 located in Lone Pine, California. The water from this well is not disinfected. However, monthly microbiological testing confirms that it is free from bacterial contamination. All monitoring and analyses of source and treated water are confirmed by LADWP personnel.



### SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

LADWP is required to conduct source water assessments every five years. In 2020, LADWP completed an assessment of the Owens Valley and Mono Basin watersheds that supply the Los Angeles Aqueduct. These sources are most vulnerable to geothermal activities that release naturally occurring arsenic into creeks that feed the Owens River.

Other activities that impact water quality in these watersheds are livestock grazing, wildlife, and unauthorized public use of storage reservoirs. The impact to water quality from these activities is deemed to be minimal.

Regular quarterly monitoring for *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* is performed at Well 01. These substances were not detected in 2023.

## WHY IS DRINKING WATER MONITORED AND TREATED?

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 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 organics, that are by-products 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 a result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 Water Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water

provided by public water systems. State Water Board regulations 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. 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).

#### **Health Advisory for People with Weakened Immune Systems**

Although LADWP treats its water to meet drinking water standards, 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).

## **WATER QUALITY UPDATE**

There were no violations of drinking water standards and/or any Unsafe Water Alerts at MVTC in 2023.

## **MONITORING OF REGULATED CONSTITUENTS**

There are over 110 regulated constituents (or contaminants). Utilities monitor for each constituent at varying frequencies based on the type of constituent and the type of source water. For example, groundwater sources are generally sampled once every three years. Those constituents that pose acute risk require more frequent monitoring. Nitrate sampling is required annually, and bacteriological sampling is required monthly. Since most constituents are not detected in our water, only those constituents that are detected are listed in the tables.

### **Turbidity**

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. Turbidity has no health effects. However, high levels of turbidity can interfere with disinfection in systems, unlike MVTC, which require disinfection, and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites such as *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

### **Lead in Drinking Water**

Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) sampling was conducted in July, 2021. Lead was not detected in any of the residential samples at MVTC, and the 90th percentile values for both lead and copper were below their respective action levels. This data, as well as other water quality data, are shown in tables on the following pages. Tap water sampling, as required by the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), will be again be conducted in 2024.

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. LADWP 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. 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 hot line or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

## **MONITORING OF UNREGULATED CONSTITUENTS**

There are contaminants/constituents found in drinking water that are not yet regulated. Some of these “unregulated contaminants/constituents” are monitored because they could be candidates for future regulations or are of interest to our consumers.

## **TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT**

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

**DLR (Detection Limit for Reporting Purposes):** The DLR is the lowest level at which all DDW certified laboratories can accurately and reliably detect a compound. The DLR provides a standardized basis for reporting purposes.

**MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the PHGs and MCLGs (see below) as economically and technologically feasible. For certain contaminants, compliance with the MCL is based on the average of all samples taken throughout the year.

**MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) - Federal:** 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.

**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.

**NL (Notification Levels) - State:** Health-based advisory levels established by DDW for chemicals in drinking water that lack maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). When chemicals are found at concentrations greater than their notification levels, certain requirements and recommendations apply.

**PHG (Public Health Goal) - State:** 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.

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

**SDWS (Secondary Drinking Water Standard):** MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWS do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

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

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*Table 1: Health-Based Primary Drinking Water Substances Detected*

Constituents	Major Source in Drinking Water	Sampled	Units	MEET PRIMARY STANDARD / ACTION LEVEL?	Primary Standard (MCL)	PHG	Mountain View Trailer Court Water Quality	
							Range	Average
Arsenic	Natural hot springs; erosion of natural deposits	2023	µg/L	YES	10	0.004	1.3	1.3
Fluoride	Erosion of natural deposits	2023	mg/L	YES	2	1	0.2	0.2
Copper (at-the-tap) <sup>a</sup>	Internal corrosion of interior water plumbing systems	2021	µg/L	YES	AL=1300	300	number of samples exceeding AL = 0 of 5	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile value = 386
Lead (at-the-tap) <sup>a</sup>	Internal corrosion of interior water plumbing systems	2021	µg/L	YES	AL=15	0.2	number of samples exceeding AL = 0 of 5	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile value = ND
Nitrate (as N)	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits	2023	mg/L	YES	10	10	0.2	0.2
Uranium	Erosion of natural deposits	2023	µg/L	YES	20	0.43	0.9	0.9

*Table 2: Regulated Substances with Secondary Drinking Water Standards Detected*

Constituents	Major Source in Drinking Water	Sampled	Units	Secondary MCL	Mountain View Trailer Court Water Quality
					Level Detected
Chloride	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	2023	mg/L	500	1.1
Color	Naturally-occurring organic materials	2023	ACU	15	6
Specific Conductance	Substances that form ions when in water	2023	µS/cm	1600	113
Sulfate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	Natural constituent	2023	mg/L	500	4.1
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	2023	mg/L	1000	72
Turbidity <sup>b</sup>	Soil runoff	2023	NTU	5	0.2

### Footnotes for Tables

- a. At-the-tap monitoring was conducted in 2021 and is conducted every three years, as required by the Lead and Copper Rule. A system is out of compliance if the 90th percentile value of all samples taken exceeds the Action Level of 15 µg/L and 1300 µg/L for lead and for copper, respectively.

- b. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water and is a good indicator of water quality. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants when they are used and can harbor pathogens. Turbidity monitoring is required triennially for this water system.

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*Table 3: Unregulated Drinking Water Substances Detected*

Constituents	Major Source in Drinking Water	Sampled	Units	Mountain View Trailer Court Water Quality
				Level Detected
Total Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	Natural constituent	2023	µg/L	62
Calcium	Natural constituent	2023	mg/L	11
pH	Naturally-occurring dissolved gases and minerals	2023	Unit	7.0 – 8.4
Total Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	Natural constituent	2023	mg/L	35
Magnesium	Natural constituent	2023	mg/L	2
Sodium	Natural constituent	2023	mg/L	10

### Abbreviations for Tables

- mg/L = milligrams per Liter (equivalent to parts per million)
- NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- ND = Not Detected
- µg/L = micrograms per Liter (equivalent to parts per billion)
- µS/cm = microSiemens/centimeter

## GENERAL INFORMATION

This annual Drinking Water Quality Report (also known as a Consumer Confidence Report) is required by the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water and is prepared in accordance with their guidelines.

LADWP, the largest municipal utility in the nation, was established more than 100 years ago. The utility provides a reliable and safe water and electric supply to the City's more than 4 million residents and businesses. LADWP is governed by a five-member Board of Water and Power Commissioners, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The Board meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m.

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For questions regarding information in this report or the Source Water Assessment, please contact the Water Quality Hotline at 213-367-3182.