

## 2021 Consumer Confidence Report

### Water System Information

Water System Name: China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station North Range #1510703

Report Date: 6/15/2022

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: Ground water from six wells.

Name and General Location of Source(s): Wells 15, 18, 27, 30, 31, 28A. Located at the southwest corner of the North Range of China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station, Kern County, California

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information:

Wells 15 and Well 27: Per the DWSAP document dated June 2003, is considered to be vulnerable to contamination from high and low density septic systems, housing, water supply wells, airport, gas stations and waste water treatment plants.

Well 18: Per the DWSAP document dated June 2003, is considered to be vulnerable to contamination from transportation corridors

Well 30: Per the DWSAP document dated June 2003, is considered to be vulnerable to contamination from military installations and transportation corridors.

Well 31: Per the DWSAP document dated June 2003, is considered to be vulnerable to contamination from high density septic systems and transportation.

Well 28A: Per the DWSAP document dated June 2003, is considered to be vulnerable to contamination from water supply wells.

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: Contact UEM Production Office, China Lake Public Works Department, Utilities and Energy Management

For More Information, Contact: Michael Bizon, UEM Branch Manager (760) 939-0651

### 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, 2021 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 China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station North Range #1510703 a Michael Bizon, UEM Branch Manager (760) 939-0651 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 [Enter Water System Name] 以获得中文的帮助: China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station North Range #1510703 Michael Bizon, UEM Branch Manager (760) 939-0651

Language in Tagalog: Ang pag-uulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa inyong inuming tubig. Mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station North Range #1510703 o tumawag sa Michael Bizon, UEM Branch Manager (760) 939-0651 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 China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station North Range #1510703 tại Michael Bizon, UEM Branch Manager (760) 939-0651 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 China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station North Range #1510703 ntawm Michael Bizon, UEM Branch Manager (760) 939-0651 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.

Term	Definition
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 ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )
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**

Complete if bacteria are detected.

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
<i>E. coli</i>	0	0	(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 1.A. Compliance with California Total Coliform MCL**

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	0	1 positive monthly sample (a)	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and <i>E. coli</i>	0	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	None	Human and animal fecal waste

- (a) For systems collecting fewer than 40 samples per month: two or more positively monthly samples is a violation of the total coliform 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**

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

Lead and Copper	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	AL	PHG	No. of Schools Requesting Lead Sampling	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	09/2020	20	ND	0	15	0.2	0	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	09/2020	20	ND	0	1.3	0.3	Not applicable	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)	11/2020	53	41 - 60	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	11/2020	54	4.1 - 110	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**

<b>Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)</b>	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>MCL [MRDL]</b>	<b>PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]</b>	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
Chlorine Residual (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ; ppm)	12/2021	1.01	.38 - 1.63	4.0	4.0	Drinking water disinfection added for treatment.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM;ppb)	8/2021	11.1	4.5 - 11.1	80	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfectant
Haloacetic Acids (HAA; ppb)	8/2021	3.3	1.1 - 3.3	60	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfectant.
Arsenic (ppb)	12/2021	5.1	3.5 - 6.6	10	.04	Erosion from natural deposits, runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes.
Copper (ppm)	11/2020	0	0	1000	N/A	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives.
Fluoride (ppm)	11/2020	0.69	.59 - 0.90	2.0	10	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth, discharges from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

Nitrate (as N; ppm)	09/2021	1.3	0.5 - 2.0	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks and sewage, erosion of natural deposits.
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**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
Aluminum (ppb)	09/2020	42.5	0 - 170	1000	600	Erosion of natural deposits, residual from surface
Chloride (ppm)	11/2020	23	11 - 37	500	N/A	Runoff/Leaching from natural deposits, seawater influence
Color (ppm)	11/2020	0	0	15	N/A	Naturally-occurring organic materials.
Iron (ppb)	11/2020	0	0	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits, industrial wastes.
Manganese (ppb)	11/2020	0	0	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits
Odor Threshold (units)	11/2020	1	1	3	N/A	Naturally-occurring organic materials.
Specific Conductance (uS/cm)	11/2020	370	280 - 540	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water, seawater influence.
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	11/2020	223	160 - 340	1000	N/A	Runoff/Leaching from natural deposits.

Turbidity (ntu)	11/2020	0.4	0.1 - 0.5	5	0.1	Soil runoff, turbidity is measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor turbidity because it is a good indicator of water quality
Sulfate (ppm)	11/2020	48	11 - 120	500	N/A	Runoff/Leaching from natural deposits, industrial wastes.

**Table 6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects
None					

### 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).

**Lead-Specific Language:** 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. China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station 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 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>.

State Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR): This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) reflects changes in drinking water regulatory requirements during 2021. These revisions add the requirements of the federal Revised Total Coliform Rule, effective since April 1, 2016, to the existing state Total Coliform Rule. The revised rule maintains the purpose to protect public health by ensuring the integrity of the drinking water distribution system and monitoring for the presence of microbials (i.e., total coliform and *E. coli* bacteria). The U.S. EPA anticipates greater public health protection as the rule requires water systems that are vulnerable to microbial contamination to identify and fix problems. Water systems that exceed a specified frequency of total coliform occurrences are required to conduct an assessment to determine if any sanitary defects exist. If found, these must be corrected by the water system. The state Revised total Coliform Rule became effective July 1, 2021.

Arsenic-Specific Language: While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

PFAS: What are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and where do they come from? Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of thousands of man-made chemicals. PFAS have been used in a variety of industries and consumer products around the globe, including in the United States, since the 1940s. PFAS have been used to make coatings and products that are used as oil and water repellents for carpets, clothing, paper packaging for food, and cookware. They are also contained in some foams (aqueous film-forming foam or AFFF) used for fighting petroleum fires at airfields and in industrial fire suppression processes because they rapidly extinguish fires, saving lives and protecting property. PFAS chemicals are persistent in the environment and some are persistent in the human body – meaning they do not break down and they can accumulate over time.

Is there a regulation for PFAS in drinking water? There is currently no established federal water quality regulation for any PFAS compounds. In May 2016, the EPA established a health advisory (HA) level at 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for individual or combined concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). Both chemicals are types of PFAS. Out of an abundance of caution for your safety, the Department of Defense's (DoD) PFAS testing and response actions go beyond EPA Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. In 2020 the DoD promulgated a policy to monitor drinking water for PFAS at all service owned and operated water systems at a minimum of every three years. The EPA's health advisory states that if water sampling results confirm that drinking water contains PFOA and PFOS at individual or combined concentrations greater than 70 parts per trillion, water systems should quickly undertake additional sampling to assess the level, scope, and localized source of contamination to inform next steps.

Has NAWS China Lake: North Range tested its water for PFAS? Yes. In November 2020 samples were collected from the installation distribution system and Wells: 15, 18, 30, and 28A.

Below MRL: We are pleased to report that drinking water testing results were below the Method Reporting Limit (MRL) for all 18 PFAS compounds covered by the sampling method, including PFOA and PFOS. This means that PFAS were not detected in your water system. In accordance with DoD policy, the water system will be resampled every three years for your continued protection.

[https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/om/base\\_support/environmental/water\\_quality/Testing\\_for\\_Perfluorochemicals.html](https://www.cnrc.navy.mil/om/base_support/environmental/water_quality/Testing_for_Perfluorochemicals.html)

[https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/om/environmental\\_support/water\\_quality\\_information.html](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrsw/om/environmental_support/water_quality_information.html)

This language and language referencing the HA will need to change to reflect any promulgated state standards relevant to the installation. Any language changes need to be vetted through NMCPHC Risk Communication via CNIC HQ

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

There were no violations for this system in 2021.