# 2021 Consumer Confidence Report

## Water System Information

Water System Name: PLAINSBURG UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Report Date: 4/4/2022

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: GROUND WATER

Name and General Location of Source(s): WELL #2 LOCATED AT 3708 S. PLAINSBURG ROAD, MERCED, CA 95341

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: N/A

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: 2ND Thursday of each month, but July, Plainsburg Elementary School Room #4 at 6:00 p.m.

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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, 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 [PLAINSBURG UNION ELEM. SCHOOL] a [3708 S. PLAINSBURG ROAD, MERCED, CA 95341] 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 [PLAINSBURG UNION ELEM. SCHOOL] 以获得中文的帮助: [3708 S. PLAINSBURG ROAD, MERCED, CA 95341].

Language in Tagalog: Ang pag-uulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa inyong inuming tubig. Mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa [PLAINSBURG UNION ELEM. SCHOOL 3708 S. PLAINSBURG ROAD, MERCED, CA 95341] o tumawag sa 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 [PLAINSBURG UNION ELEM. SCHOOL] tại [3708 S. PLAINSBURG ROAD, MERCED, CA 95341] 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 [PLAINSBURG UNION ELEM. SCHOOL] ntawm [3708 S. PLAINSBURG ROAD, MERCED, CA 95341] rau kev pab hauv lus Askiv.

## Terms Used in This Report

| **Term** | **Definition** |
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| 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 *E. coli* 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

Complete if bacteria are detected.

| **Microbiological Contaminants** | **Highest No. of Detections** | **No. of Months in Violation** | **MCL** | **MCLG** | **Typical Source of Bacteria** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *E. coli* | (In the year)  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 Total Coliform MCL between January 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021 (inclusive)**

| **Microbiological Contaminants** | **Highest No. of Detections** | **No. of Months in Violation** | **MCL** | **MCLG** | **Typical Source of Bacteria** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | (In a month)  0 | 0 | 1 positive monthly sample (a) | 0 | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal Coliform and *E. coli* | (in the year)  0 | 0 | 0 | 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

For violation of the total coliform MCL, include potential adverse health effects, and actions taken by water system to address the violation: [Enter information]

Table . 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** | **90th Percentile Level Detected** | **No. Sites Exceeding AL** | **AL** | **PHG** | **No. of Schools Requesting Lead Sampling** | **Typical Source of**  **Contaminant** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Lead (ppb) | 8/23/19 | 5 | No Detection | 0 | 15 | 0.2 | [Enter No.] | Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper (ppm) | 8/23/19 | 5 | ND | 0 | 1.3 | 0.3 | Not  applicable | Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |

Table . Sampling Results for Sodium and Hardness

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)** | **Sample Date** | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **MCL** | **PHG (MCLG)** | **Typical Source of Contaminant** |
| Sodium (ppm) | 2/8/2016 | 27 | N/A | None | None | Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring |
| Hardness (ppm) | 2/8/2016 | 100 | N/A | None | None | Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring |

Table . Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Chemical or Constituent**  **(and**  **reporting units)** | **Sample Date** | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **MCL [MRDL]** | **PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]** | **Typical Source of Contaminant** |
| Nitrate (mg/L) | 6/3/2021  12/3/2021 | 1.5 | ND-3.3 | 10 (as N) | 10 (as N) | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| 1,2,3-Trichloropropane [TCP] (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | 0.007 | ND-0.011 | 0.005 | 0.0007 | Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories; leaching from hazardous waste sites; used as cleaning and maintenance solvent, paint and varnish remover, and cleaning and degreasing agent; byproduct during the production of other compounds and pesticides. |
| Perchlorate (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 6 | 1 | Perchlorate is an inorganic chemical used in solid rocket propellant, fireworks, explosives, flares, matches, and a variety of industries. It usually gets into drinking water as a result of environmental contamination from historic aerospace or other industrial operations that used or use, store, or dispose of perchlorate and its salts. |
| Nitrite (mg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 1 (as N) | 1 (as N) | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Ethylene Dibromide [EDB] (ng/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 50 | 10 | Discharge from petroleum refineries; underground gas tank leaks; banned nematocide that may still be present in soils due to runoff and leaching from grain and fruit crops |
| Dibromochloropropane [DBCP] (ng/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 200 | 1.7 | Banned nematocide that may still be present in soils due to runoff/leaching from former use on soybeans, cotton, vineyards, tomatoes, and tree fruit |
| Alachlor (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 2 | 4 | Runoff from herbicide used on row crops |
| Atrazine (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 1 | 0.15 | Runoff from herbicide used on row crops and along railroad and highway right-of-ways |
| Simazine (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 4 | 4 | Herbicide runoff |
| Arsenic (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 10 | 0.004 | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes |
| Chlorine Distribution (mg/L) | JAN-DEC 2021 | 1.36 | 1.1-2.0 | [MRDL = 4.0 (as Cl2)] | [MRDLG = 4 (as Cl2)] | Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment |
| TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (µg/L) | 6/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 80 | N/A | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection |
| HAA5 [Sum of 5 Haloacetic Acids] (µg/L) | 6/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 60 | N/A | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection |
| Benzene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 1 | 0.15 | Discharge from plastics, dyes and nylon factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills |
| Carbon Tetrachloride (ng/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 500 | 100 | Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities |
| 1,2-Dichlorobenzene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 600 | 600 | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| 1,1-Dichloroethane (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 5 | 3 | Extraction and degreasing solvent; used in manufacture of pharmaceuticals, stone, clay and glass products; fumigant |
| 1,2-Dichloroethane (ng/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 500 | 400 | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| 1,1-Dichloroethylene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 6 | 10 | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |
| cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 6 | 100 | Discharge from industrial chemical factories; major biodegradation byproduct of TCE and PCE groundwater contamination |
| trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 10 | 60 | Discharge from industrial chemical factories; minor biodegradation byproduct of TCE and PCE groundwater contamination |
| Dichloromethane (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 5 | 4 | Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories; insecticide |
| 1,2-Dichloropropane (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 5 | 0.5 | Discharge from industrial chemical factories; primary component of some fumigants |
| 1,3-Dichloropropene (ng/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 500 | 200 | Runoff/leaching from nematocide used on croplands |
| Ethylbenzene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 300 | 300 | Discharge from petroleum refineries; industrial chemical factories |
| Styrene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 100 | 0.5 | Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills |
| 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 1 | 0.1 | Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories; solvent used in production of TCE, pesticides, varnish and lacquers |
| Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 5 | 0.06 | Discharge from factories, dry cleaners, and auto shops (metal degreaser) |
| 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 5 | 5 | Discharge from textile-finishing factories |
| 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 200 | 1000 | Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories; manufacture of food wrappings |
| Trichloroethylene [TCE] (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 5 | 1.7 | Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories |
| Toluene (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 150 | 150 | Discharge from petroleum and chemical factories; underground gas tank leaks |
| Trichlorofluoromethane (µg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 150 | 1300 | Discharge from industrial factories; degreasing solvent; propellant and refrigerant |
| 1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (mg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 1.2 | 4 | Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories; dry-cleaning solvent; refrigerant |
| Vinyl Chloride (ng/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 500 | 50 | Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastics factories; biodegradation byproduct of TCE and PCE groundwater contamination |
| Xylenes (mg/L) | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 1.750 | 1.8 | Discharge from petroleum and chemical factories; fuel solvent |

Table . Detection of Contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)** | **Sample Date** | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **SMCL** | **PHG (MCLG)** | **Typical Source**  **of**  **Contaminant** |
| Specific Conductance | 12/3/2021 | 350 | N/A | 1,600 µS/cm | 1,600 µS/cm | Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence |
| Turbidity | 12/3/2021 | 0.18 | N/A | 5 Units | 5 Units | Soil runoff |
| Color | 12/3/2021 | ND | N/A | 15 Units | 15 Units | Naturally-occurring organic materials |

### 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. [PLAINSBURG UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL] 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>.

Additional Special Language for Nitrate, Arsenic, Lead, Radon, and *Cryptosporidium*: [Enter Additional Information Described in Instructions for SWS CCR Document]

State Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR): [Enter Additional Information Described in Instructions for SWS CCR Document]

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| 1,2,3- Some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-trichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may |
| have an increased risk of getting cancer. |

### 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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Violation** | **Explanation** | **Duration** | **Actions Taken to Correct Violation** | **Health Effects Language** |
| 1,2,3 TCP over the MCL.  Compliance Order No. 03-11-21R-003 | Quarterly samples results were over the MCL for 1,2,3 TCP | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th quarters 2021 | Plainsburg Elementary School is looking treatment for 1,2,3 TCP to bring the water system back into compliance by June 2024. | Some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-trichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.] |