## Lead Information

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. MAGTFTC, MCAGCC 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

## Arsenic Information

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 (USEPA)

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.

#### **Notice of Missed Sample**

The Environmental Affairs office is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the fourth quarter of calendar year 2018, we did not monitor for 1,2,3-trichloropropane from our wells and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

The Environmental Affairs office is required to report any deviation in our water sampling. In keeping with that requirement, this portion of the Consumer Confidence Report is to inform you that during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2018, the California certified laboratory we contract with did not monitor for 1,2,3-trichloropropane. During calendar year 2018, the first three quarters of 1,2,3-trichloropropane sampling were collected and analyzed. These sample results showed 1,2,3-trichloropropane at 0.00005 parts per million, 10,000 percent below the State standard. MCAGCC has since conducted the required missed sampling in fourth quarter 2019 with the results being non-detectable for 1,2,3-trichloropropane.

There is nothing you need to do at this time. Our water meets State and Federal standards. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For any questions regarding this notice please contact Chris Elliott, Water Resources Manager, at (760) 830-7883 or email chris.elliott@usmc.mil.

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## CCR and You!

Under the "Consumer Confidence Rule" (CCR) of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), and the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018, community water systems with a population greater than 10,000 are required to report water quality information to the consuming public twice a year.

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is proud to present the first publication of 2019 Consumer Confidence Report. This report covers all drinking water testing completed from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. As always, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is committed to delivering the best quality drinking water to all base personnel. Through continued vigilance, we provide source water protection, water conservation, and community education while ensuring the needs of all our water users.

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is committed to the sustainment and protection of the environment. This report is printed on 100% recycled paper to help reduce waste and minimize impacts on the environment while meeting the Marine Corps mission.

This report was compiled by the MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Environmental Affairs (EA) Water Resources Office. For more information about this report, or for any questions related to your drinking water, please contact Chris Elliott, Water Resources Manager, at (760)-830-7883 or email chris.elliott@usmc.mil

\*\*\* 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?

All domestic water supplied at MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is ground water from the Surprise Springs sub aquifer of the Twentynine Palms Ground Water Basin. Production wells at a depth between 500 and 700 feet extract water located in a protected and isolated area of MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, which is separate from the aquifers used by the City of 29 Palms.

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC drinking water system consists of 11 potable water wells, multiple reservoirs that serve the military and civilian work force through a series of pipelines that extend over 84.2 miles service area.

Combat Center drinking water routinely meets or exceeds all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) primary and secondary drinking water standards without any treatment required (other than basic disinfection) before distribution. SWRCB requires basic disinfection as a safeguard against possible microbial contamination due to repairs or maintenance of the system.

#### Important Health Information

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 may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and 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 at 1-800-426-4791.

#### **Contaminants In My 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 water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

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.



Microbial contaminants such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.



norganic 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 verity 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.



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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

#### **Program Spotlight**

The Air Resources Program is responsible for the oversight of all activities that have the potential to emit air contaminants. The Combat Center is continually taking steps to lower our emissions and improving our air quality, which allows the Combat Center to fulfill its mission of training Marines without interruption.

The Air Resources Program has developed several initiatives to ensure air quality and reduce greenhouse gases through data analysis and monitoring. By setting high standards for engines, we ensure that harmful diesel pollution is minimized. More than half of our air pollution and greenhouse gases are emitted from burning fossil fuel; therefore, alternative energy sources are utilized base-wide, such as burning cleaner natural gas for electricity production, utilizing solar energy, and using alternative fueled vehicles.

The Combat Center has Air Monitoring Stations that continuously monitor the air quality across the base. The installation works closely with the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District to ensure the stations operate effectively and that data recorded is meeting air standards.



#### Water Conservation

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC continues to pursue water conservation efforts to ensure this resource is not just

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going down the drain. While other areas in California may receive rainfall allowing them to rescind drought conditions, MCAGCC remains in a constant state of drought. Water is a precious commodity, especially in our desert environment.

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC Drought Response Policy shows our commitment to water conservation and sustainment of this precious resource. The Drought Response Policy established a Water Conservation Task Force (WCTF), charged with seeking new methods of conserving water and educating everyone who lives and works aboard the installation. The WCTF has implemented a number of water conservation practices across the installation. Working together, the installation continues to reduce water usage and improve long-term water resource sustainability.

With everyone's continued support, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC will remain an example for water reduction and conservation efforts within the Department of Defense. MAGTFTC, MCAGCC is committed to conserving water to the maximum extent possible while still meeting the Marine Corps mission.

#### No Drugs Down The Drain

Pharmaceutical waste remains a threat to water supplies. One way to reduce this threat is to dispose of all over-the-counter drugs and prescriptions properly. **DO NOT FLUSH DRUGS** DOWN THE DRAIN.

Old medicines can be taken to the San Bernardino County Community Household Waste Collection Center located at 62499 29 Palms Highway, Joshua Tree. The hours of operation are the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on proper disposal of unwanted medicines, please visit www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org.



#### Water Quality Data

MAGTFTC, MCAGCC conducts extensive water quality testing throughout the year. The sampling and analysis are conducted at various intervals (weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.) as required by California, EPA, and the Marine Corps. Through our continued commitment to provide the safest, best quality water to everyone at the installation. MAGTFTC, MCAGCC water quality meets or exceeds all primary drinking water standards.

The table below provides last year's (2019) water quality results. The table includes details about what your water contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The USEPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change.

Substance		PHG	Detection Value		Sample	Violation						
(Unit of Measure)	MCL	(MCLG)	Average	Range	Date	Yes/No	Typical Source					
			Prir	nary Drinking Water	Standard							
Antimony (mg/L)	0.006	0.006	< 0.0004	ND - < 0.0004	2019	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries					
Arsenic (mg/L)	0.01	0	0.0034	0.0012 - 0.0086	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Barium (mg/L)	1	1	0.0320	< 0.00018 - 0.037	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Beryllium (mg/L)	0.004	0.004	< 0.00026	ND - < 0.00026	2019	No	Discharge from metal refineries					
Cadmium (mg/L)	0.005	0.005	< 0.00026	ND - < 0.00026	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Chromium VI (µg/L)	NA	0.02	15.5000	< 0.021 - 100	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits or industrial discharges					
Chromium (mg/L)	0.05	0.05	0.0114	0.0012 - 0.02	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Cyanide (mg/L)	0.15	0.15	<0.0043	ND - < 0.0043	2019	No	Wastewater discharges or industrial emissions					
Fluoride (mg/L)	2	1	0.5300	0.2891	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Haloacetic Acids (mg/L)	0.0027	NA	< 0.0020	ND - < 0.0020	2019	No	Byproduct of system disinfection					
Mercury (mg/L)	0.002	0.002	< 0.000055	ND - < 0.000055	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits or industrial discharges					
Nickel (mg/L)	0.1	0.1	< 0.0002	ND - < 0.0002	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits or industrial discharges					
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> ) (mg/L)	45	45	1.0900	0.56 - 1.6	2019	No	Natural deposits or agricultural runoff					
Nitrite (NO <sub>2</sub> ) (mg/L)	1	1	< 0.059	ND - < 0.059	2019	No	Natural deposits or agricultural runoff					
Perchlorate (mg/L)	6	NA	< 1.8	ND - < 1.8	2019	No	May be found naturally or manufactured for industrial use					
Tot. Coliform Bacteria	1	ND	ND	ND	2019	No	Naturally present in the environment					
Tot. Trihalomethanes (mg/L)	0.08	NA	0.02	ND - 0.02	2019	No	Byproduct of system disinfection					
			Seco	ndary Drinking Wate	er Standard	l						
Aluminum (mg/L)	1	0.2	< 0.037	ND - 0.037	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Chloride (mg/L)	250	250	20.400	8.1 - 39	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Color (CU)	15	15	< 3.0	ND - < 3.0	2019	No	Naturally occurring organic materials					
Copper (mg/L)	1		0.0129	<0.0028 - 0.18	2018	No	Plumbing corrosion					
Foaming Agents (MBAS) (mg/L)	0.5	NA	< 0.0056	< 0.0812	2018	No	Municipal and industrial waste discharges					
Iron (mg/L)	0.3	0.3	3.500	< 0.0031 - 8.1	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Manganese (mg/L)	0.5	0.05	0.048	<0.00039 - 0.11	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Methyl-tert-butyl ether (mg/L)	0.013	0.013	<0.00060	ND - < 0.00060	2019	No	Leaking underground storage tanks					
Odor (TON)	3	NA	< 1.0	ND – < 1.0	2019	No	Naturally occurring organic materials					
Silver (mg/L)	0.1	NA	< 0.00022	ND - 0.00022	2018	No	Industrial discharges					
Sulfate (mg/L)	500	250	31.000	17– 43	2018	No	Naturally present in the environment					
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	1000	500	186.000	160 - 210	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Turbidity (NTU)	5	NA	0.29	< 0.10 - 1.2	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits					
Zinc (mg/L)	5	NA	< 0.00522	ND - < 0.0022	2018	No	Naturally present in the environment					
Detection of Lead and Copper												
Copper 90th Percentile	1300	170	30	14 – 140	2018	No	Plumbing corrosion					
Lead 90th Percentile (ppb)	15	2	0.71	ND – 7.9	2018	No	Plumbing corrosion					

Substance (μg/L)	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	MCAGCC Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Requirement					
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 4												
Germanium (ug/L)	NA	NA	.37	0.36 - 0.37	2018	No						
Manganese (ug/L)	NA	NA	.50	ND - 0.50	2018	No						
a-BHC (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Chlorpyrifos (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Dimethipin (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No	The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, requires the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) to establish criteria for a program to monitor unregulated contaminants and to identify no more than 30 contaminants to be monitored every five years.					
Ethoprop (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Oxyfluorfen (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Profenofos (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Permethrin (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Tebuconazole (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Tribufos (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
o-Toluidine (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Quinoline (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
1-Butanol (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
2-Methoxyethanol (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No	The purpose of monitoring					
2-Propen-1-ol (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No	for unregulated contaminants in drinking water is to provide data to support the USEPA Administrator's decisions					
Bromochloroacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	.35	ND - 0.35	2018	No						
Bromodichloroacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Chlorodibromoacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No	concerning whether to					
Tribromoacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No	in the future for the protection					
Monobromoacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No	of public health.					
Dibromoacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	.63	0.40 - 0.63	2018	No						
Dichloroacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	.36	ND - 0.36	2018	No						
Monochloroacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Trichloroacetic Acid (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Total Organic Carbon (ug/L)	NA	NA	ND	ND	2018	No						
Bromide (ug/L)	NA	NA	86	46 - 86	2018	No						

### **Table Definitions**

ND (Not detected): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

**Unit:** Standard unit of measurement for this constituent.

**NA:** Not applicable.

ppm (parts per million): One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level):

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.

#### MCLG (Maximum Contaminant

Level Goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the USEPA.

PHG (Public Health Goal): 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 and Maximum Residual Disinfectant Levels for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Total Coliform Bacteria: Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as indicators that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present.

CU: Color unit.

TON: Threshold odor number.