

2018 Consumer Confidence Report Data — Carlsbad Desalination Plant Effluent  
Data Date: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Parameter	Units	State or Federal MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	State DLR	Range Average	Treatment Plant Effluent	Major Sources in Drinking Water
						Carlsbad Desalination Plant	
PRIMARY STANDARDS—Mandatory Health-Related Standards							
CLARITY							
Combined Filter Effluent Turbidity	NTU %	TT = 0.1 (a) TT (a)	NA	NA	Highest % d 0.1	0.15 98%	Soil runoff
MICROBIOLOGICAL							
Total Coliform Bacteria (b)	%	5.0	(0)	NA	Range Average	ND ND	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli	(c)	(c)	(0)	NA	Range Average	ND ND	Human and animal fecal waste
Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) (d)	CFU/ml	TT	NA	NA	Range Average	ND - 1.7 0.4	Naturally present in the environment
Cryptosporidium	oocysts/ 200 L	TT	(0)	NA	Range Average	NA NA	Human and animal fecal waste
Giardia	cysts/ 200 L	TT	(0)	NA	Range Average	NA NA	Human and animal fecal waste
ORGANIC CHEMICALS							
Pesticides/PCBs							
Alachlor	ppb	2	4	1	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Atrazine	ppb	1	0.15	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops and along highways
Bentazon	ppb	18	200	2	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff/leaching from herbicide used on rice, alfalfa, and grapes
Carbofuran	ppb	18	1.7	5	Range Average	ND ND	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice, alfalfa, and grapes
Chlordane	ppt	100	30	100	Range Average	ND ND	Residue of banned insecticide
2,4-D	ppb	70	20	10	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops, rangeland, lawns, and aquatic weeds
Dalapon	ppb	200	790	10	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from herbicide used on rights-of-way, crops, and landscapes
Dibromochloropropane (DBCP)	ppt	200	1.7	10	Range Average	ND ND	Banned nematocide that may still be present in soils
Dinoseb	ppb	7	14	2	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans, vegetables, and fruits
Diquat	ppb	20	15	4	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from herbicide used for terrestrial and aquatic weeds
Endothall	ppb	100	94	45	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from herbicide used for terrestrial and aquatic weeds
Endrin	ppb	2	1.8	0.1	Range Average	ND ND	Residue of banned insecticide and rodenticide
Ethylene Dibromide (EDB)	ppt	50	10	20	Range Average	ND ND	Petroleum refinery discharges; underground gas tank leaks
Glyphosate	ppb	700	900	25	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from herbicide use
Heptachlor	ppt	10	8	10	Range Average	ND ND	Residue of banned insecticide
Heptachlor Epoxide	ppt	10	6	10	Range Average	ND ND	Breakdown product of heptachlor
Lindane	ppt	200	32	200	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, and gardens
Methoxychlor	ppb	30	0.09	10	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff/leaching from insecticide uses
Molinate (Ordram)	ppb	20	1	2	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff/leaching from herbicide used on rice
Oxamyl (Vydate)	ppb	50	26	20	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff/leaching from insecticide uses
Pentachlorophenol	ppb	1	0.3	0.2	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from wood preserving factories other insecticidal and herbicidal uses
Picloram	ppb	500	500	1	Range Average	ND ND	Herbicide runoff
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	ppt	500	90	500	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste chemicals
Simazine	ppb	4	4	1	Range Average	ND ND	Herbicide runoff
Thiobencarb	ppb	70	70	1	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff leaching from rice herbicide
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	ppb	50	3	1	Range Average	ND ND	Residue of banned herbicide
Toxaphene	ppb	3	0.03	1	Range Average	ND ND	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle
Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds							
Acrylamide	NA	TT	(0)	NA	Range Average	NA NA	Water treatment chemical impurities
Benzo(a)pyrene	ppt	200	7	100	Range Average	ND ND	Leaching from water storage tank linings and distribution lines
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	ppb	400	200	5	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from chemical factories
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	ppb	4	12	3	Range Average	ND ND	Chemical factory discharge; inert ingredient in pesticides
Epichlorohydrin	NA	TT	(0)	NA	Range Average	ND ND	Water treatment chemical impurities
Hexachlorobenzene	ppb	1	0.03	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from metal refineries & agrichemicals factories; wastewater chlorination reaction byproduct
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	ppb	50	2	1	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from chemical factories
2,3,7,8-TCDD (Dioxin)	ppq	30	0.05	5	Range Average	ND ND	Waste incineration emissions; chemical factory discharge
Volatile Organic Compounds							
Benzene	ppb	1	0.15	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Plastics factory discharge; gas tanks and landfill leaching
Carbon Tetrachloride	ppt	500	100	500	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial waste
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	ppb	600	600	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	ppb	5	6	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethane	ppb	5	3	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Extraction and degreasing solvent; fumigant
1,2-Dichloroethane	ppt	500	400	500	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethylene	ppb	6	10	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	ppb	6	100	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Industrial chemical factory discharge; byproduct of TCE and PCE biodegradation
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	ppb	10	60	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Industrial chemical factory discharge; byproduct of TCE and PCE biodegradation
Dichloromethane (Methylene Chloride)	ppb	5	4	0.5	Range Average	ND ND	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
					Range	ND	Industrial chemical factory discharge;

1,2-Dichloropropane	ppb	5	0.5	0.5	Average	ND	primary component of some fumigants
					Range	ND	Runoff/leaching from nematocide used on
1,3-Dichloropropene	ppt	500	200	500	Average	ND	croplands
					Range	ND	Petroleum refinery discharge; industrial
Ethylbenzene	ppb	300	300	0.5	Average	ND	chemical factories
					Range	ND	
Methyl-tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	ppb	13	13	3	Average	ND	Gasoline discharge from watercraft engines
					Range	ND	Discharge from industrial, agricultural, and chemical
Monochlorobenzene	ppb	70	70	0.5	Average	ND	factories, and dry cleaners
					Range	ND	Rubber and plastics factories discharge;
Styrene	ppb	100	0.5	0.5	Average	ND	landfill leaching
					Range	ND	Discharge from industrial, agricultural, and chemical
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	ppb	1	0.1	0.5	Average	ND	factories; solvent uses
					Range	ND	Discharge from factories, dry cleaners,
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	ppb	5	0.06	0.5	Average	ND	and auto shops
					Range	ND	
Toluene	ppb	150	150	0.5	Average	ND	Discharge from petroleum and chemical refineries
					Range	ND	
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	ppb	5	5	0.5	Average	ND	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
					Range	ND	Metal degreasing site discharge; manufacture
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ppb	200	1,000	0.5	Average	ND	of food wrappings
					Range	ND	
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	ppb	5	0.3	0.5	Average	ND	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
					Range	ND	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	ppb	5	1.7	0.5	Average	ND	other factories
					Range	ND	Industrial factory discharge; degreasing solvent;
Trichlorofluoromethane (Freon-11)	ppb	150	1300	5	Average	ND	propellant
					Range	ND	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (Freon-113)	ppm	1.2	4	0.01	Average	ND	factories; dry cleaning solvent; refrigerant
					Range	ND	Leaching from PVC piping; plastic factory
Vinyl Chloride	ppt	500	50	500	Average	ND	discharge; byproduct of TCE and PCE biodegradation
					Range	ND	Discharge from petroleum and chemical refineries;
Xylenes	ppm	1.750	1.8	0.0005	Average	ND	fuel solvent
INORGANIC CHEMICALS							
					Range	ND	Residue from water treatment process;
Aluminum	ppm	1	0.6	0.05	Average	ND	natural deposits erosion
					Range	ND	Petroleum refinery discharges; fire retardants;
Antimony	ppb	6	20	6	Average	ND	solder; electronics
					Range	ND	Natural deposits erosion, glass and electronics
Arsenic	ppb	10	0.004	2	Average	ND	production wastes
					Range	NA	Asbestos cement pipes internal corrosion;
Asbestos (f)	MFL	7	7	0.2	Average	NA	natural deposits erosion
					Range	ND	Oil and metal refineries discharge;
Barium	ppb	1,000	2,000	100	Average	ND	natural deposits erosion
					Range	ND	Discharge from metal refineries, aerospace,
Beryllium	ppb	4	1	1	Average	ND	and defense industries
					Range	ND	Internal corrosion of galvanized pipes;
Cadmium	ppb	5	0.04	1	Average	ND	natural deposits erosion
					Range	ND	Discharge from steel and pulp mills;
Chromium	ppb	50	(100)	10	Average	ND	natural deposits erosion
					Range	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits;
Chromium VI	ppb	10	0.02	1	Average	NA	discharge from industrial waste factories
					Range	ND	Internal corrosion of household pipes;
Copper	ppm	AL = 1.3	0.3	0.05	Average	ND	natural deposits erosion
					Range	ND	Discharge from steel/metal, plastic, and
Cyanide	ppb	150	150	100	Average	ND	fertilizer factories
					Range	0.60-0.83	Erosion of natural deposits;
Fluoride (e)							
Treatment-related	ppm	2.0	1	0.1	Average	0.72	water additive that promotes strong teeth
					Range	ND	House pipes internal corrosion;
Lead	ppb	AL = 15	0.2	5	Average	ND	erosion of natural deposits
					Range	ND	Erosion of natural deposits; factory discharge;
Mercury	ppb	2	1.2	1	Average	ND	landfill runoff
					Range	ND	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from
Nickel	ppb	100	12	10	Average	ND	metal factories
					Range	ND	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; septic tank
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	ppm	10	10	0.4	Average	ND	and sewage; natural deposits erosion
					Range	ND	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; septic tank
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	ppm	1	1	0.4	Average	ND	and sewage; natural deposits erosion
					Range	ND	
Perchlorate	ppb	6	1	4	Average	ND	Industrial waste discharge
					Range	ND-8, 19	Refineries, mines, and chemical
Selenium	ppb	50	30	5	Average	ND	waste discharge; runoff from livestock lots
					Range	ND	Leaching from ore processing; electronics
Thallium	ppb	2	0.1	1	Average	ND	factory discharge
RADIOLOGICALS							
					Range	ND	
Gross Alpha					Average	ND	
Particle Activity	pCi/L	15	(0)	3			Erosion of natural deposits
					Range	ND	
Gross Beta					Average	ND	
Particle Activity	pCi/L	50 (l)	(0)	4			Decay of natural and man-made deposits
					Range	ND	
Radium-226	pCi/L	NA	0.05	1	Average	ND	Erosion of natural deposits
					Range	ND	
Radium-228	pCi/L	NA	0.019	1	Average	ND	Erosion of natural deposits
					Range	0.1804-0.7080	
Combined					Average	0.4494	
Radium-226/228	pCi/L	5	(0)	NA			Erosion of natural deposits
					Range	ND	
Strontium-90	pCi/L	8	0.35	2	Average	ND	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
					Range	ND	
Tritium	pCi/L	20000	400	1,000	Average	ND	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
					Range	ND	
Uranium	pCi/L	20	0.43	1	Average	ND	Erosion of natural deposits
DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS, DISINFECTANT RESIDUALS, AND DISINFECTION BYPRODUCT PRECURSORS							
					Range	ND	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	ppb	80	NA	1.0	Average	ND	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
					Range	ND	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	ppb	80	NA	1.0	Highest LRAA	ND	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
					Range	ND	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	ppb	80	NA	1.0	Highest LRAA	ND	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
					Range	ND	
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5)	ppb	60	NA	1.0	Average	ND	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
					Range	ND	
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5)	ppb	60	NA	1.0	Highest LRAA	ND	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
					Range	ND	
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5)	ppb	60	NA	1.0	Highest LRAA	ND	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
					Range	1.80 - 3.44	
Total Chlorine Residual	ppm	[4.0]	[4.0]	NA	Highest RAA	3.08	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
					Range	NA	
Bromate	ppb	10	0.1	1.0	Highest RAA	NA	Byproduct of drinking water ozonation
					Range	NA	Various natural and man-made sources;
DBP Precursors Control					Average	NA	TOC as a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts
as Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	ppm	TT	NA	0.30			
SECONDARY STANDARDS—Aesthetic Standards							
					Range	ND	Residue from water treatment process;
Aluminum	ppm	1	0.6	0.05	Average	ND	natural deposits erosion
					Range	55.2-118	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits;
Chloride	ppm	500	NA	NA	Average	73.7	seawater influence
					Range	ND	
Color	Color Units	15	NA	NA	Average	ND	Naturally-occurring organic materials
					Range	ND	Internal corrosion of household pipes; natural

Copper	ppm	1.0	0.3	0.05	Average	ND	deposits erosion; wood preservatives leaching
Foaming Agents (MBAS)	ppm	0.5	NA	NA	Range	ND	
					Average	ND	Municipal and industrial waste discharges
					Range	ND	
Iron	ppm	0.3	NA	0.1	Average	ND	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
					Range	ND	
Manganese	ppm	0.5	NL = 500	20	Average	ND	Leaching from natural deposits
					Range	ND	
MTBE	ppb	5	13	3	Average	ND	Gasoline discharge from watercraft engines
					Range	ND-1	
Odor Threshold	TON	3	NA	1	Average	ND	Naturally-occurring organic materials
					Range	ND	
Silver	ppb	100	NA	10	Average	ND	Industrial discharges
					Range	304.00-599.79	Substances that form ions in water;
Specific Conductance	µS/cm	1,600	NA	NA	Average	418.40	seawater influence
					Range	8.5-17.2	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits;
Sulfate	ppm	500	NA	0.5	Average	12.2	industrial wastes
					Range	ND	
Thiobencarb	ppb	1	70	1	Average	ND	Runoff/leaching from rice herbicide
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	ppm	500	NA	NA	Range	119-333	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits;
					Average	217	seawater influence
					Range	0.03-0.97	Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water,
Turbidity	NTU	5	NA	0.1	Average	ND	an indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system
					Range	ND	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits;
Zinc	ppm	5.0	NA	0.05	Average	ND	industrial wastes
OTHER PARAMETERS							
MICROBIOLOGICAL							
					Range	ND - 1.7	
HPC	CFU/ml	TT	NA	NA	Median	0.4	Naturally present in the environment
CHEMICAL							
					Range	42 - 80	
Alkalinity	ppm	NA	NA	NA	Average	63.4	
					Range	0.372 - 0.923	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits;
Boron (g)	ppm	NA	NA	NA	Average	0.606	industrial wastes and naturally occurring in seawater
					Range	17.36 - 34.96	
Calcium	ppm	NA	NA	NA	Average	22.8	
					Range	NA	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination;
Chlorate	ppb	NL = 800	NA	20	Average	NA	industrial processes
Corrosivity (as Aggressiveness Index)	AI	NA	NA	NA	Range	11.56-12.33	Elemental balance in water; affected
					Average	12.09	by temperature, other factors
Corrosivity (as Saturation Index)	SI	NA	NA	NA	Range	0.05 - 0.53	Elemental balance in water; affected
					Average	0.29	by temperature, other factors
					Range	42.2 - 70.9	
Total Hardness	ppm	NA	NA	NA	Average	54	
					Range	0.464 - 1.100	
Magnesium	ppm	NA	NA	NA	Average	0.685	
	pH				Range	8.01 - 8.66	
pH	Units	NA	NA	NA	Average	8.54	
					Range	1.04-3.70	
Potassium	ppm	NA	NA	NA	Average	2.44	
					Range	NA	
Radon	pCi/L	NA	NA	100	Average	NA	
					Range	16.2 - 78.4	
Sodium	ppm	NA	NA	NA	Average	54.2	
					Range	NA	Various natural and man-made sources;
TOC	ppm	TT	NA	0.30	Highest RAA	NA	TOC as a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts
					Range	NA	
Vanadium	ppb	NL = 50	NA	3	Average	NA	Naturally-occurring; industrial waste discharge
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)	ppt	NL = 10	3	2	Range	NA	Byproduct of drinking water chloramination;
					Range	NA	industrial processes
Dichlorodifluoromethane (Freon 12)	ppb	NL = 1,000	NA	0.5	Range	ND	
					Average	ND	Industrial waste discharge
Ethyl-tert-butyl ether (ETBE)	ppb	NA	NA	3	Range	NA	
					Average	NA	Used as gasoline additive
tert-Amyl-methyl ether (TAME)	ppb	NA	NA	3	Range	NA	
					Average	NA	Used as gasoline additive
tert-Butyl alcohol (TBA)	ppb	NL = 12	NA	2	Range	NA	MTBE breakdown product; used as gasoline
					Average	NA	additive

ABBREVIATIONS AND FOOTNOTES

Abbreviations

AI	Aggressiveness Index	MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
AL	Action Level	MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
CDPH	California Department of Public Health	MFL	Million Fibers per Liter
CFU	Colony-Forming Units	MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level
DBP	Disinfection Byproducts	MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal
DLR	Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting	NA	Not Applicable
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average; highest LRAA is the highest of all Locational Running Annual Averages calculated as average of all samples collected within a 12-month period	ND	Not Detected
		NL	Notification Level
		NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
		pCi/L	picoCuries per Liter
		PHG	Public Health Goal
MBAS	Methylene Blue Active Substances	ppb	parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

Footnotes

- (a) The reverse osmosis filter effluent turbidity must be equal to or less than 0.1 NTU in 95% of the measurements taken each month, shall not exceed 0.5 NTU in more than two (2) consecutive 15-minute samples and shall not exceed 1.0 NTU at any time. Turbidity is an indicator of the effectiveness of the filters.
- (b) Total coliform MCLs: No more than 5.0% of the monthly samples may be total coliform-positive. Compliance is based on the combined distribution system sampling from all the treatment plants.
- (c) E. coli MCL: The occurrence of two consecutive total coliform-positive samples, one of which contains E. coli, constitutes an acute MCL violation. The MCL was not violated.
- (d) All product water tank effluent samples collected had detectable total chlorine residuals and no HPC was required. HPC reporting level is 1 CFU/ml. Values are based on monthly median per State guidelines and recommendations.
- (e) Fluoride samples that were below target ranges were blended with other water supply sources to maintain compliance in water distributed to consumers.
- (f) Not used
- (g) Boron analysis is included as seawater is a natural source for this constituent.