

# HIGHWAY 28 WATER ASSOCIATION

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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is from three wells drawing water from the Citronelle formation Aquifer.

Our source water assessment has been conducted and it shows our wells have a higher susceptibility to contamination.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

This report shows our water quality and what it means.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact HWY 28 Water Assn. at 601-849-4795. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of the month at the Highway 28 water office at 7:00 P.M.

Highway 28 Water Association routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

*Non-Detects (ND)* - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

*Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)* - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

*Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter* - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

*Action Level* - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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

*Maximum Contaminant Level* - The Maximum Allowed (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal* - The Goal (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**TEST RESULTS**

| Contaminant  | Violati on Y/N | Date Collected | Level Detecte d                   | Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL | Unit Measurem ent | MCL G | MCL    | Likely Source of Contamination   |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------|--------|--|
| <b><u>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products</u></b>   |                |                |                                   |  |                   |       |        |  |
| (There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.) |                |                |                                   |  |                   |       |        |  |
| Chlorine (as CL2)  | N              | 2023           | 1.20 (RAA) Running Annual Average | 01.08-low<br>1.25-high                             | ppm               | 4.0   | 4.0    | Water additive used to control microbes  |
| <b><u>Inorganic Contaminants</u></b>   |                |                |                                   |  |                   |       |        |  |
| 10. Barium   | N              | 10/18/22*      | 0.0151                            | 0  | ppm               | 2     | 2      | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits             |
| 11. Chromium   | N              | 10/18/22*      | > .0005                           | No Range   | ppm               | NA    | 100    | Discharge from Steel and Pulp Mills.   |
| 14. Copper   | N              | 8/29/2023      | 0.1                               | 0  | ppm               | 1.3   | AL=1.3 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |
| 17. Lead*  | N              | 8/29/2023      | 0                                 | 0  | ppb               | 0     | AL=15  | Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits                                   |
| 19.Nitrate   | N              | 3/13/2023      | 0.923                             | 0  | ppm               | 10    | 10     | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks,sewage ; erosion of natural deposits.           |
| 20. Sodium   | N              | 11/13/23       | 3590                              | NA   | ppb               |       | 250000 | Erosion of Natural Deposits; Leaching.   |
| <b><u>Volatile Organic Contaminants</u></b>  |                |                |                                   |  |                   |       |        |  |
| 73. HAA5   | N              | 8/21/23        | < 1                               | 0  | ppb               | 0     | 60     | By-product of drinking water chlorination.   |

**\* MOST RECENT SAMPLE**

***Inorganic Contaminants:***

- (10) Barium. Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.
- (14) Copper. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.
- (17) Lead. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.
- (19) Nitrate. Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing Nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.
- (20) Sodium. Likely Source of Contamination-Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners, and Sewage Effluents.

\*\*\*\*\* Additional Information for Lead\*\*\*\*\*

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. Highway 28 Water Association 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing for \$10 per sample. Please contact 601.576.7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All 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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Please call our office if you have questions.

This CCR Report will not be delivered by mail but you may obtain a copy at the Highway 28 Office.