

This report contains important information about your drinking water.
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Arabic

Der Berichten enthält wichtige Informationen über das Wassernetz in Ihrer Umgebung. Der Bericht sollte mit einem Übersetzer oder einem Freund oder Bekannten, die gute Englischkenntnisse besitzen

German

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Korean

这份报告中有些重要的信息，讲到关于您所在社区的饮用水质。请您找人翻译一下，或者请能看得懂这份报告的朋友给您解释一下。

Chinese

इस रिपोर्ट में "पाने के पानी" के विषय पर बहुत जरूरी जानकारी दी गई है। कृपया इसका अनुवाद कीजिये, या किसी जानकार से इस बारे में पूछिये।

Hindi

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua, beber. Tradúzcala o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Spanish

Cé rapport contient de l'information importante concernant votre eau potable. Veuillez traduire, ou parlez avec quelqu'un qui peut le comprendre.

French

この資料には、あなたの飲料水についての大切な情報が書かれています。内容をよく理解するために、日本語に翻訳して読むか翻訳を受けてください。

Japanese

Bản báo cáo có ghi những chi tiết quan trọng về phẩm chất nước trong cộng đồng quý vị. Hãy nhờ người thông dịch, hoặc hỏi một người bạn biết rõ về vấn đề này.

Vietnamese



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2004 Water Quality Report

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Drinking Water Quality

Since 1990, California water utilities have been providing an annual Water Quality Report to their customers. This year's report covers calendar year 2003 water quality testing, and has been prepared in compliance with new regulations called for in the 1996 reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The reauthorization charged the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with updating and strengthening the tap water regulatory program and changed the report's due date to July 1.

EPA and the California Department of Health Services (DHS) are the agencies responsible for establishing

drinking water quality standards. To ensure that your tap water is safe to drink, EPA and DHS prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. DHS regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection

Want Additional Information?

There's a wealth of information on the internet about Drinking Water Quality and water issues in general. Some good sites — both local and national — to begin your own investigation are:

Municipal Water District of Orange County
www.mwdoc.com

Orange County Water District
www.ocwd.org

**Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California**
www.mwdh20.com

**California Department of Health Services,
Division of Drinking Water and
Environmental Management**
www.dhs.cahwnet.gov/ps/ddwem

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/safewater/

If you have any questions about your water, please contact us for answers...

For information about this report, or your water quality information in general, please contact the City of San Juan Capistrano, Public Works Department — Water Division, Customer Service at (949) 493-1515. The City of San Juan Capistrano Water Advisory Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 8:00 pm and is open to the public. The City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm and is open to the public. Meetings are held in the City of San Juan Capistrano Council chambers located at 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano. Please feel free to participate in these meetings.

For more information about health effects of the listed contaminants in the following tables, call the Environmental Protection agency hotline at (800) 426-4791.

for public health. The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also sets regulations for bottled water

The City of San Juan Capistrano vigilantly safeguards its water supply and, as in years past, the water delivered to your home meets the standards required by the state and federal regulatory agencies. In some cases, your local utility goes beyond what is required to monitor for additional contaminants that have known health risks.

Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to establish regulations for those contaminants.

What You Need to Know, ...and How it May Affect You

Sources of Supply

Your drinking water is surface water imported by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Metropolitan's imported water sources are the Colorado River and the State Water Project, which draws water from the San Francisco-San Joaquin Bay Delta. Our wells are located in San Juan Capistrano.

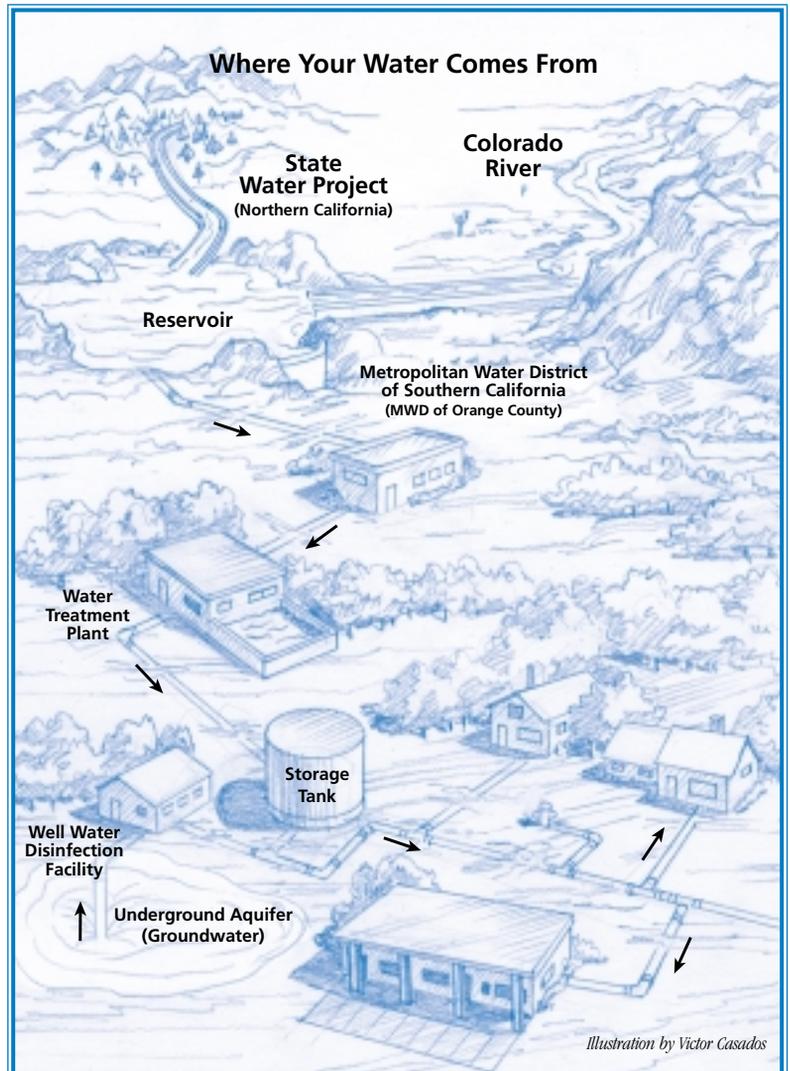
Basic Information About Drinking Water Contaminants

Drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the layers of the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of human or animal activity. For most people, the presence of contaminants does not necessarily mean water may be a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ◆ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- ◆ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining and farming.
- ◆ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production or mining activities.

- ◆ Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- ◆ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also come from gasoline stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.



Water Distribution System: Imported water supplied by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (via MWD of Orange County) and piped to your community by your local water retailer. Local groundwater is pumped out of the ground and provided by your local water retailer.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microscopic organism that, when ingested, can cause diarrhea, fever, and other gastrointestinal symptoms. The organism comes from animal and/or human wastes and may be in surface water. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which did not detect it in the water, tested your surface water for *Cryptosporidium* in 2003. If it ever is detected, *Cryptosporidium* is eliminated by an effective treatment combination including sedimentation, filtration and disinfection.

Immuno-compromised people

Some people may be more vulnerable to constituents in the water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people, such as those with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have had organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly persons and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers.

The EPA and the federal Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from EPA's safe drinking water hotline at (800) 426-4791 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time (6 a.m. to 2 p.m. in California).

Disinfection and Disinfection Byproducts

Disinfection of drinking water was one of the major public health advances in the 20th century. Disinfection was a major factor in reducing waterborne disease epidemics caused by pathogenic bacteria and viruses, and it remains an essential part of drinking water treatment today.

Chlorine disinfection has almost completely eliminated from our lives the risks of microbial waterborne diseases. Chlorine is added to your drinking water at the source of supply (groundwater well or surface water treatment plant). Enough chlorine is added so that it does not completely dissipate through the distribution system pipes. This "residual" chlorine helps to prevent the growth of bacteria in the pipes that carry drinking water from the source into your home.

However, chlorine can react with naturally-occurring materials in the water to form unintended chemical byproducts, called disinfection byproducts (DBPs), which may pose health risks. A major challenge is how to balance the risks from microbial pathogens and DBPs. It is important to provide protection from these microbial pathogens while simultaneously ensuring decreasing health risks from disinfection byproducts. The Safe Drinking Water Act requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop rules to achieve these goals.

Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) are the most common

and most studied DBPs found in drinking water treated with chlorine. In 1979, the U.S. EPA set the maximum amount of total THMs allowed in drinking water at 100 parts per billion as an annual running average. Effective in January 2002, the Stage 1 Disinfectants / Disinfection Byproducts Rule lowered the total THM maximum annual average level to 80 parts per billion and added HAAs to the list of regulated chemicals in drinking water. Your drinking water complies with the Stage 1 Disinfectants / Disinfection Byproducts Rule. In 2003, the U.S. EPA proposed a Stage 2 regulation that will further reduce allowable levels of DBPs in drinking water without compromising disinfection itself.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to establish regulations for those contaminants. Beginning in 2001 and ending in 2003 the City was required to sample for unregulated contaminants. As required by the USEPA the results of two rounds of samples were to be available for review before the end of 2003. The samples were not collected and reported to EPA as required and the City is currently complying with a USEPA Administrative Order to fulfill this requirement.

The first round of required samples were taken and reported during January of 2004 and are now available for review. Additionally, a second round of Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) samples will be taken in June of 2004 to fully satisfy and comply with the UCMR. The failure to sample during the specified time period has had no adverse human health effects since the unregulated contaminants are being examined only for future potential human health effects and none were found in our ground water.

Import (Metropolitan) Water Assessment

In December 2002, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California completed its source water assessment of its Colorado River and State Water Project supplies. Colorado River supplies are considered to be most vulnerable to recreation, urban/storm water runoff, increasing urbanization in the watershed and wastewater. State Water Project supplies are considered to be most vulnerable to urban/storm water runoff, wildlife, agriculture, recreation and wastewater. A copy of the assessment can be obtained by contacting Metropolitan by phone at (213) 217-6850.

Groundwater Assessment

A copy of the assessment of the drinking water sources for the City of San Juan Capistrano completed March 2001 is available at Department of Health Services District Office, Public Water Supply Branch, 28 Civic Center Drive RM 325, Santa Ana, Ca 92701 or the City of San Juan Capistrano – Water Division office, 32400 Paseo Adelanto, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675.

City of San Juan Capistrano Water Division Groundwater Quality

Chemical	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Average Amount	Range of Detections	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
Radiologicals							
Alpha Radiation (pCi/L)	15	n/a	4.8	2.3 – 7.2	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	20	0.5	3.7	ND – 6.2	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Inorganic Chemicals							
Fluoride (ppm)	2	1	0.38	0.43 – 0.71	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrate (ppm as N)	10	10	0.5	ND – 1.6	No	2003	Fertilizers, Septic Tanks
Nitrate+Nitrite (ppm as N)	10	10	1.3	ND – 2.6	No	2003	Fertilizers, Septic Tanks
Secondary Standards*							
Chloride (ppm)	500*	n/a	114	136 – 160	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Color (color units)	15*	n/a	1	1 – 2	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Manganese (ppb)	50*	n/a	<20	ND – 34	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Odor (threshold odor number)	3*	n/a	1	1	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	1,600*	n/a	1,095	987 – 1,220	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	500*	n/a	285	210 – 340	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	1,000*	n/a	982	880 – 1,080	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Turbidity (ntu)	5*	n/a	0.2	0.1 – 0.4	No	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Unregulated Contaminants Requiring Monitoring							
Alkalinity (ppm as CaCO ³)	Not Regulated	n/a	242	146 – 296	n/a	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Boron (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	0.12	0.11 – 0.13	n/a	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Calcium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	165	160 – 170	n/a	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	35	34 – 35	n/a	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
pH (units)	Not Regulated	n/a	7.3	7.1 – 7.5	n/a	2003	Acidity, hydrogen ions
Potassium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	2.5	2.3 – 2.7	n/a	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sodium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	86	85 – 86	n/a	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Hardness (ppm as CaCO ³)	Not Regulated	n/a	616	536 – 710	n/a	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Hardness (grains per gallon)	Not Regulated	n/a	36	31 – 41	n/a	2003	Erosion of Natural Deposits

ppb = parts-per-billion; ppm = parts-per-million; pCi/L = picoCuries per liter; ntu = nephelometric turbidity units; ND = not detected; n/a = not applicable; < = average is less than the detection limit for reporting purposes; MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level; (MCLG) = federal MCL Goal; PHG = California Public Health Goal µmho/cm = micromho per centimeter; *Contaminant is regulated by a secondary standard to maintain aesthetic qualities (taste, odor, color).

Lead and Copper Action Levels at Residential Taps

	Action Level (AL)	Health Goal	90th Percentile Value	Sites Exceeding AL / Number of Sites	AL Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	2	<5	0 / 30	No	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.17	0.1	0 / 30	No	Corrosion of household plumbing

Every three years, selected residences are tested for lead and copper at-the-tap. The most recent set of thirty samples was collected in 2002. Lead was detected in seven homes and copper was detected in twenty-nine homes, none of which exceeded the lead and copper regulatory action levels (AL). A regulatory AL is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Definitions

Public Health Goal (PHG)

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. Public health goals are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the public health goals and maximum contaminant level goals 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 contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. Maximum contaminant level goals are set by the EPA.

Action Levels (AL)

Health-based advisory levels established by the State

Department of Health Services for chemicals that lack MCLs.

Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS)

MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Regulatory Action Level

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Variance

State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Measurements

Water is sampled and tested throughout the year. Contaminants are measured in parts per million (ppm), parts per billion (ppb), parts per trillion (ppt), and even parts per quadrillion (ppq). If this is difficult to imagine, think about these comparisons:

Parts per million (mg/L): **Parts per billion (µg/L):**

- 3 drops in 42 gallons
- 1 drop in 14,000 gallons
- 1 second in 12 days
- 1 second in 32 years
- 1 penny in \$10,000
- 1 penny in \$10 million
- 1 inch in 16 miles
- 1 inch in 16,000 miles

It is important to note, however, that even a small concentration of certain contaminants can adversely affect a water supply.

City of San Juan Capistrano Water Division Distribution System Water Quality

	MCL (MRDL/MRDLG)	Average Amount	Range of Detections	MCL Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	68	49 – 84	No	Byproducts of chlorine disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	33	14 – 45	No	Byproducts of chlorine disinfection
Chlorine Residual (ppm)	(4 / 4)	1.7	1.5 – 1.9	No	Disinfectant added for treatment
Color (color units)	15*	1	1 – 3	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Odor (ton)	3*	1	1	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity (ntu)	5*	0.3	0.1 – 1.7	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Eight locations in the distribution system are tested quarterly for total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids; three locations are tested monthly for color, odor and turbidity.

MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level; MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal; ntu = nephelometric turbidity units; ND = not detected

*Contaminant is regulated by a secondary standard to maintain aesthetic qualities (taste, odor, color).

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Treated Surface Water

Chemical	MCL	PHG, or (MCLG)	Average Amount	Range of Detections	MCL Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Radiologicals – Tested in 2003						
Alpha Radiation (pCi/L)	15	n/a	<1	ND – 2.5	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta Radiation (pCi/L)	50	n/a	4.1	ND – 5.9	No	Decay of man-made or natural deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	20	0.5	<2	ND – 2.6	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Chemicals – Tested in 2003						
Fluoride (ppm)	2	1	0.1	ND – 0.2	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate and Nitrite as N (ppm)	10	10	0.6	ND – 1.4	No	Agriculture runoff and sewage
Nitrate as N (ppm)	10	10	0.6	ND – 1.4	No	Agriculture runoff and sewage
Secondary Standards* – Tested in 2003						
Chloride (ppm)	500*	n/a	81	67 – 105	No	Runoff or leaching from natural deposits
Color (color units)	15*	n/a	1	1	No	Runoff or leaching from natural deposits
Corrosivity (LSI)	non-corrosive	n/a	0.1	-0.2 – 0.4	No	Elemental balance in water
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	1,600*	n/a	671	518 – 890	No	Substances that form ions in water
Sulfate (ppm)	500*	n/a	109	41 – 177	No	Runoff or leaching of natural deposits
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	1,000*	n/a	384	278 – 528	No	Runoff or leaching of natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	5*	n/a	0.05	0.04 – 0.06	No	Runoff or leaching of natural deposits
Unregulated Chemicals – Tested in 2003						
Alkalinity (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	89	73 – 112	n/a	Runoff or leaching from natural deposits
Boron (ppb)	Not Regulated	n/a	140	100 – 160	n/a	Runoff or leaching from natural deposits
Calcium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	37	24 – 56	n/a	Runoff or leaching from natural deposits
Hardness, total (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	164	109 – 237	n/a	Runoff or leaching of natural deposits
Hardness, total (grains/gal)	Not Regulated	n/a	9.6	6.4 – 14	n/a	Runoff or leaching of natural deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	18	12 – 24	n/a	Runoff or leaching from natural deposits
pH (pH units)	Not Regulated	n/a	8.2	8.0 – 8.3	n/a	Hydrogen ion concentration
Potassium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	3.2	2.7 – 4.0	n/a	Runoff or leaching from natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	68	55 – 87	n/a	Runoff or leaching from natural deposits

ppb = parts-per-billion; ppm = parts-per-million; pCi/L = picoCuries per liter; ntu = nephelometric turbidity units; µmho/cm = micromhos per centimeter; ND = not detected; < = average is less than the detection limit for reporting purposes; MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level; (MCLG) = federal MCL Goal; PHG = California Public Health Goal; n/a = not applicable; LSI = Langelier Saturation Index; *Contaminant is regulated by a secondary standard.

Turbidity - combined filter effluent	Treatment Technique	Turbidity Measurements	TT Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
1) Highest single turbidity measurement	0.3 NTU	0.06	No	Soil run-off
2) Percentage of samples less than 0.3 NTU	95%	100%	No	Soil run-off

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water, an indication of particulate matter, some of which might include harmful microorganisms. Low turbidity in Metropolitan's treated water is a good indicator of effective filtration. Filtration is called a treatment technique. A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water that are difficult and sometimes impossible to measure directly.