

Lee County Water Supply Corporation
Consumer Confidence report
2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

2020 Consumer Confidence Report for Public Water System LEE COUNTY WSC

This is your water quality report for January 1 to December 31, 2020

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LEE COUNTY WSC provides ground water from [Carrizo, Sparta and Queen City] located in [Lee and Bastrop County].

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LEE COUNTYWATER SUPPLY CORPORATION is 100% Ground Water

Lee County Water Supply Corporation conducts their monthly Board meeting generally on the third Thursday of every month. Agendas are posted at the Main office entrance and web site www.leecountywater.com. Meeting begins, unless otherwise posted at 6:30pm. Meeting location: Lee County WSC Boardroom @ 1598 S. Leon St. Giddings, Texas 78942.

The 2020 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will be on the June 17, 2021 agenda for public comment.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm excluding Holidays. You may contact our office during normal business hours for information concerning the CCR.

Definitions and Abbreviations

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Action Level:

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

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

Avg:

Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

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 or MCL:

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 or MCLG:

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.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or 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 or 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.

MFL

million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

mrem:

millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

na:

not applicable.

NTU

nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)

pCi/L

picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

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ppb:

micrograms per liter or parts per billion

ppm:

milligrams per liter or parts per million

ppq

parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)

ppt

parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

Treatment Technique or TT:

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

Information about your Drinking 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.

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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 water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- 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 gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)

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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we 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>.

Information about Source Water

*TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water, and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system is based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants will be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system contact

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System Name	Aquifer	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
2- MANHEIM 2	CARRIZO	GW	ACTIVE	1247 CR 107
4- LEXINGTON	CARRIZO	GW	ACTIVE	1452 CR 405
5- NEW DIME BOX	SPARTA	GW	ACTIVE	7808 FM 141
9- PAIGE 3	CARRIZO	GW	ACTIVE	155 PAINT CREEK RD.
10- COUNTRY CORNER	CARRIZO	GW	ACTIVE	1166 PR 1001
11- GIDDINGS 77-S	CARRIZO	GW	ACTIVE	1939 HWY 77
12- SERBIN 2	QUEEN CITY	GW	ACTIVE	3096 CR 208
13- CUMMINS CREEK COUNTRY CLUB 1	SPART	GW	ACTIVE	1613 CR 233
13- CUMMINS CREEK COUNTRY CLUB 2	CARRIZO	GW	ACTIVE	1613 CR 233

GW = GROUND WATER

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Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	03/01/2018	1.3	1.3	0.26	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead	03/01/2018	0	15	3.5	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

2020 Water Quality Test Results

*The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all HAA5 sample results collected at a location over a year

Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	3	0 - 3.5	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

*The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all TTHM sample results collected at a location over a year

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2020	5	0 - 7.9	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
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Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2020	0.0469	0.0469 - 0.0469	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Cyanide	2020	70	0 - 70	200	200	ppb	N	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories.
Fluoride	2020	1.09	0.13 - 1.09	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2020	0.12	0 - 0.12	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/photon emitters	2020	8.5	8.5 - 8.5	0	50	pCi/L*	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Combined Radium 226/228	04/10/2019	1.5	1.5 - 1.5	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2020	3.9	3.9 - 3.9	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

*EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

Volatile Organic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Xylenes	2020	0.0008	0 - 0.0008	10	10	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories.

Disinfectant Residual

Disinfectant Residual	Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Violation (Y/N)	Source in Drinking Water
CHLORAMINES	2020	1.57	0.70 - 2.80	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

2020 ANNUAL WATER LOSS AS REPORTED TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Lee County Water Supply Corporation submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for the Period January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 that our system had an estimated Total Real Loss of 56,535,706 gallons of water or 16.44% Total Real Loss. If you have any questions concerning water loss you may contact **Wade Dane** at our office at 979-542-6213 between the hours of 7:30 am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday excluding holidays.

Monthly Bacteriological Samples

Lee County Water Supply Corporation splits its bacteriological samples into two weeks a month. Weather permitting, the first and second week of every month. Each sample location represents each system or area. These sample sites also have alternative sample locations up and down stream of the main sample sites.

Total Coliform Found: Yearly total of 120 samples found no Coliform Bacteria

Fecal Coliform: Yearly total of the same 120 samples found no Fecal Coliform Bacteria