2009 Water Quality Report



Your 2009 Water Quality Report

Drinking Water Quality

S ince 1990, California water utilities have been providing an annual Water Quality Report to their customers. This year's report covers calendar year 2008 water quality testing, and has been prepared in compliance with regulations called for in the 1996 reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The re-authorization charged the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) with updating and strengthening the tap water regulatory program.

USEPA and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are the agencies responsible for establishing drinking water

quality standards. To ensure that your tap water is safe to drink, USEPA and CDPH prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. CDPH regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also sets regulations for bottled water.

The City of Newport Beach vigilantly safeguards its water supply

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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, the City of Newport Beach goes beyond what is required by testing for unregulated contaminants that may have known health risks. For example, the Orange County Water District, which manages our groundwater basin, monitors our groundwater for unregulated pesticides, herbicides, and solvents.

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

> These two views of Lake Oroville, taken just four years apart, starkly illustrate the current drought's devastating impact.

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What You Need to Know About Your Water, and How it May Affect You

Sources of Supply

Orange County's water supplies are a blend of groundwater managed by the Orange County Water District (OCWD) and water imported from Northern California and the Colorado River by the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) via the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Groundwater comes from a natural underground aquifer that is replenished with water from the Santa Ana River, local rainfall and imported water. The groundwater basin is 350 square miles and lies beneath north and central Orange County from Irvine to the Los Angeles border and from Yorba Linda to the Pacific Ocean. More than 20 cities and retail water districts draw from the basin to provide water to homes and businesses.

Orange County's Water Future

Tor years, Orange County has enjoyed an abundant, seemingly

C endless supply of high-quality water. However, as water demand continues to increase statewide, we must be even more conscientious about our water supply and maximize the efficient use of this precious natural resource.

OCWD and MWDOC work cooperatively to evaluate new and innovative water management and supply development programs, including water reuse and recycling, wetlands expansion, recharge facility construction, ocean and brackish water desalination, surface storage and water use efficiency programs. These efforts are helping to enhance longterm countywide water reliability and water quality.

The winter snow pack and spring rains have only temporarily eased the intensity of the state's drought. Reduced water allocations combined with judicially imposed environmental pumping restrictions from the State Water Project in northern California continue to affect southern California's water supply. Water conservation, both indoors and outdoors, has never been more important. Many cities and water districts may implement mandatory conservation measures beginning this summer.

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new water management projects to ensure an abundant and high-quality water supply for our future.



Colorado River

How Residential Water is Used in Orange County

Outdoor watering of lawns and gardens makes up approximately 60% of home water use. By cutting your outdoor watering by 1 or 2 days a week, you can dramatically reduce your overall water use.

Visit www.bewaterwise.com for water saving tips and ideas for your home and business.

 Showers & Baths: 8%
 Toilets: 11%
 Leaks: 7%

 Clothes Washers: 9%
 Dishwashers: 1%
 Faucets: 6%

Landscaping: 58%

Basic Information About Drinking Water Contaminants

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 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 animal and human activity.

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, agricultural application and septic systems.

Questions For information about this report or your water quality information in general, please contact Casey about Parks, Water Quality Coordinator, at (949) 718-3428. vour The City of Newport Beach Council meetings begin water? at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of Contact each month and are open to the public. Meetings us for are held at the Council Chambers located at 3300 Newport Boulevard, Newport Beach. Matters from answers. the public are heard at each meeting. Please feel free 5 to participate in these meetings.

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

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink. USEPA and the CDPH prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. CDPH regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. 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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Immuno-Compromised People

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking 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 from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

The USEPA 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 USEPA'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).

Everyone can do something to save water – use drought-tolerant plants; install synthetic turf; install a "smart" irrigation controller; purchase a waterefficient clothes washer; make sure your dishwasher is full before running it; or simply cut back on the water used for daily living: don't run the water while shaving or brushing teeth; take shorter showers; use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks – the list is endless, and so much of it is very easy to do. Visit the websites listed on the next page for information on California's water supply situation and what you can do to preserve this precious resource.



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The Quality of Your Water is Our **Primary Concern**

Lead

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home 🥥 may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested; you could also flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

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

What are Water Quality Standards?

Drinking water standards established by USEPA and CDPH set limits for substances that may affect consumer health or aesthetic qualities of drinking water. The chart in this report shows the following types of water quality standards: Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): 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.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap.
- Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
- Primary Drinking Water Standard: MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements and water treatment requirements.
- Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

How are Contaminants Measured?

Water is sampled and tested throughout the year. Contaminants are measured in:

- parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
- parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter $(\mu g/l)$ parts per trillion (ppt) or nanograms per liter (ng/l)

What is a Water Quality Goal?

In addition to mandatory water quality standards, USEPA and CDPH have set voluntary water quality goals for some contaminants. Water quality goals are often set at such low levels that they are not achievable in practice and are not directly measurable. Nevertheless, these goals provide useful guide posts and direction for water management practices. The

- chart in this report includes three types of water quality goals: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by USEPA.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs are set by USEPA.

• Public Health Goal (PHG): 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.

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 naturallyoccurring 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 USEPA 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 USEPA 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 USEPA proposed a Stage 2 regulation that will further control allowable levels of DBPs in drinking water without compromising disinfection itself. This regulation was finalized by USEPA in January 2006 and preliminary studies to select Stage 2 DBP sampling locations in our distribution system started in 2008.

Radon Advisory

Radon is a radioactive gas that you can't see, taste, or smell. It is found throughout the U.S. Radon can move up through the ground and into a home through cracks and holes in the foundation. Radon can build up to high levels in all types of homes. Radon can also get into indoor air when released from tap water from showering, washing dishes, and other household activities. Breathing air containing radon can lead to lung cancer. Drinking water containing radon could increase the risk of stomach cancer. Compared to radon entering the home through soil, radon entering the home through your tap water is a small source of radon in indoor air. The USEPA Action Level for radon in indoor air is 4.0 picocuries per liter. Radon from your tap water contributes no more than 0.1 picocurie per liter in your indoor air. If you are concerned about

| 2008 City of Newport Beach Groundwater Quality | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| • | | PHG | Average | Range of | MCL | Most Recent | Typical Source | |
| Chemical | MCL | (MCLG) | Amount | Detections | Violation? | Sampling Date | of Contaminant | |
| Radiologicals | | | | | | | | |
| Alpha Radiation (pCi/L) | 15 | (0) | 6.8 | ND – 15 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Uranium (pCi/L) | 20 | 0.43 | 7.8 | 2.1 – 15 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Inorganic Chemicals | | | | | | | | |
| Barium (ppm) | 1 | 2 | <0.1 | ND - 0.1 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 2 | 1 | 0.36 | 0.25 - 0.51 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Nitrate (ppm as NO ₃) | 45 | 45 | 7.5 | ND – 19 | No | 2008 | Fertilizers, Septic Tanks | |
| Nitrate+Nitrite (ppm as N) | 10 | 10 | 1.7 | ND – 4.3 | No | 2008 | Fertilizers, Septic Tanks | |
| Secondary Standards* | | | | | | | | |
| Chloride (ppm) | 500* | n/a | 59 | 25 – 95 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Specific Conductance (µmho/cm) | 1,600* | n/a | 759 | 420 - 1,140 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Sulfate (ppm) | 500* | n/a | 121 | 41 – 222 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Total Dissolved Solids (ppm) | 1000* | n/a | 466 | 180 – 754 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Turbidity (ntu) | 5* | n/a | 0.1 | ND - 0.2 | No | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Unregulated Contaminants Requiring Monitoring | | | | | | | | |
| Alkalinity (ppm as CaCO ₃) | Not Regulated | n/a | 176 | 125 – 235 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Bicarbonate (ppm as HCO ₃) | Not Regulated | n/a | 213 | 149 – 287 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Boron (ppb) | Not Regulated | n/a | 100 | ND - 120 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Calcium (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 83 | 31 – 139 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Hardness (ppm as CaCO ₃) | Not Regulated | n/a | 265 | 93 - 449 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Magnesium (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 14 | 3.5 – 26 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| pH (units) | Not Regulated | n/a | 8.2 | 7.8 - 8.3 | n/a | 2008 | Acidity, hydrogen ions | |
| Potassium (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 3.1 | 2.1 - 4.3 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Sodium (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 54 | 52 - 63 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| Vanadium (ppb) | Not Regulated | n/a | <3 | ND – 4.2 | n/a | 2008 | Erosion of Natural Deposits | |
| ppb = parts-per-billion; ppm = parts-pe | er-million; pCi/L = pi | coCuries per lit | er; ntu = nephelo | ometric turbidity unit | s; ND = not detect | ted; n/a = not applicable; | | |

par = para beromion, point = para beromion, point = process; MC = Maximum Contaminant Level; (MCLG) = federal MCL Gail; PHG = California Public Health Goalmho/cm = micromho per centimeter. Contaminant is regulated by a secondary standard to maintain aesthetic qualities (taste, odor, color).umho/cm = micromho per centimeter.

2008 City of Newport Beach Distribution System Water Quality

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| Typical Source of Contaminant |
| Byproducts of chlorine disinfection |
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| Disinfectant added for treatment |
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| Erosion of natural deposits |
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Twelve locations in the distribution system are tested quarterly for total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids; thirty 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.

| Lead and Copper Action Levels at Residential Taps | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| | Action Level | Health | 90th Percentile | Sites Exceeding AL / | AL | Typical Source |
| | (AL) | Goal | Value | Number of Sites | Violation? | of Contaminant |
| Copper (ppm) | 1.3 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0/30 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing |
| Lead (ppb) | 15 | 2 | ND<5 | 0/30 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing |

Every three years, 30 residences are tested for lead and copper at-the-tap. The most recent set of samples was collected in 2006. Lead was detected in 3 homes; none exceeded the regulatory action level. Copper was detected in 24 samples; none exceeded the action level. A regulatory action level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

radon in your home, test the air in your home. Fix your home if the level of radon is 4 picocuries per liter of air or higher. There are simple ways to fix a radon problem that aren't too costly. For additional information, call the State radon program or call USEPA's Radon Hotline (800) SOS-RADON.

Drinking Water Fluoridation

Fluoride has been added to U.S. drinking water supplies since 1945. Of the 50 largest cities in the U.S., 43 fluoridate their drinking water. In December 2007, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California joined a majority of the nation's public water suppliers in adding fluoride to drinking water in order to prevent tooth decay. In line with recommendations from the CDPH, as well as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Metropolitan adjusted the natural fluoride level in imported treated water from the Colorado River and State Project water to the

optimal range for dental health of 0.7 to 1.3 parts per million. Our local water is not supplemented with fluoride. Fluoride levels in drinking water are limited under California state regulations at a maximum dosage of 2 parts per million.

There are many places to go for additional information about the fluoridation of drinking water. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1-800-232-4636 www.cdc.gov/Oralhealth/publications/factsheets/ American Dental Association www.ada.org/public/topics/fluoride/index.asp American Water Works Association: www.awwa.org City of Newport Beach:

www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/utilities For more information about Metropolitan's fluoridation program, please contact Edgar G. Dymally at (213) 217-5709 or at edymally@mwdh2o.com.

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 research are: City of Newport Beach: www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/utilities Municipal Water District of Orange County: www.mwdoc.com Orange County Water District: www.ocwd.com • Water Education Foundation: www.watereducation.org Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: www.mwdh2o.com California Department of Public Health, Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater

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

California Department of Water Resources: www.water.ca.gov

Water Conservation Tips: www.bewaterwise.com • www.wateruseitwisely.com • www.watersmartnewport.com

| | | PHG, or | Average | Range of | MCL | Typical Source |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|------------|--|
| Chemical | MCL | (MCLG) | Amount | Detections | Violation? | of Contaminant |
| Radiologicals – Tested in 2008 | | | | | | |
| Alpha Radiation (pCi/L) | 15 | (0) | 5.6 | 3.8 - 9.3 | No | Erosion of Natural Deposits |
| eta Radiation (pCi/L) | 50 | (0) | 4.3 | ND - 6.4 | No | Decay of Man-made or Natural Deposits |
| ranium (pCi/l) | 20 | 0.42 | 3.3 | 2.9 - 3.7 | No | Erosion of Natural Deposits |
| norganic Chemicals – Tested i | n 2008 | | | | | |
| luminum (ppm) | 1 | 0.6 | 0.16 | 0.08 - 0.28 | No | Treatment Process Residue, Natural Deposit |
| rsenic (ppb) | 10 | 0.004 | 2.4 | ND – 2.9 | No | Erosion of Natural Deposits |
| arium (ppm) | 1 | 2 | 0.12 | 0.11 - 0.12 | No | Erosion of Natural Deposits |
| luoride (ppm) treatment-related | Control Range 0. Optimal Level | | 0.8 | 0.6 - 0.9 | No | Water Additive for Dental Health |
| litrate as NO ₃ (ppm) | 45 | 45 | 2.2 | ND – 2.6 | No | Agriculture Runoff and Sewage |
| econdary Standards* – Teste | d in 2008 | | | | | |
| luminum (ppb) | 200* | 600 | 164 | 78 – 280 | No | Treatment Process Residue, Natural Deposit |
| hloride (ppm) | 500* | n/a | 96 | 92 - 103 | No | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| olor (color units) | 15* | n/a | 2 | 1 – 2 | No | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| dor (threshold odor number) | 3* | n/a | 2 | 2 | No | Naturally-occurring Organic Materials |
| pecific Conductance (µmho/cm) | 1,600* | n/a | 947 | 837 – 1,080 | No | Substances that Form Ions in Water |
| ulfate (ppm) | 500* | n/a | 212 | 170 – 272 | No | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| otal Dissolved Solids (ppm) | 1,000* | n/a | 569 | 505 – 668 | No | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| urbidity (ntu) | 5* | n/a | 0.05 | 0.04 - 0.05 | No | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| Inregulated Chemicals – Teste | ed in 2008 | | | | | |
| lkalinity, total as CaCO ₃ (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 110 | 100 - 121 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| oron (ppb) | Not Regulated | n/a | 140 | 130 – 150 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| alcium (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 61 | 55 – 72 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| ardness, total as CaCO ₃ (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 257 | 226 - 300 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| ardness, total (grains/gal) | Not Regulated | n/a | 15 | 13 – 18 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| agnesium (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 25 | 22 – 29 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| -Nitrosodimethlyamine NDMA (ppt) | Not Regulated | n/a | 16 | 16 | n/a | Byproduct of Drinking Water Disinfection |
| H (pH units) | Not Regulated | n/a | 8.1 | 8.0 - 8.2 | n/a | Hydrogen Ion Concentration |
| otassium (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 4.5 | 4.1 - 4.9 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| odium (ppm) | Not Regulated | n/a | 94 | 85 - 106 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |
| otal Organic Carbon (ppm) | Not Regulated | TT | 2.3 | 1.9 - 2.5 | n/a | Various Natural and Man-made Sources |
| /anadium (ppb) | Not Regulated | n/a | 3.8 | 3.5 - 4.0 | n/a | Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits |

ppb = parts-per-billion; ppm = parts-per-million; ppt = parts-per-trillion; pC1/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; TT = treatment technique * 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 | 0.05 | 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" (TT). 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.

Recent regulatory actions to protect endangered fish species have Northern California. This has forced Southern California to draw down even further its storage reservoirs, like Diamond Valley Lake, near Hemet.

Water conservation doesn't have to inconvenience our lives to be effective. Simple changes in how we do our daily tasks can have a tremendous impact on our water usage. A little effort can save a lot of water.

Source Water Assessments

Imported (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

An assessment of the drinking water sources for City of Newport Beach Utilities Department was completed in December 2002. The groundwater sources are considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with detected contaminants: Dry cleaners, gas stations, and known contaminant plumes.

A copy of the complete assessment is available at Department of Public Health Office of Drinking Water, Santa Ana District, 28 Civic Center Plaza Room 325, Santa Ana, CA 92701. You may request a summary of the assessment by contacting the City of Newport Beach Utilities Department at (949) 718-3428.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak with someone who understands it. 5 Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.



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