

2012

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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MULTI-COUNTY WSC

### Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by MULTI-COUNTY WSC is purchased surface water from Lake Proctor in Comanche County.

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### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER:

Monthly Board Meetings are generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:00 P.M.

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono (254)865-2269.

## NOTICE

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).

## Sources of 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 use
- 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.

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 Assessments

The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Assessment for all drinking water systems that own their sources. The report describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The system from which we purchase our water (The City of Hamilton) received the assessment report from the system which they purchase the water from (Upper Leon Municipal Water District). For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at Upper Leon Municipal Water District, contact **Gary Lacy** at **254 879-2258** or on their web page: **[ulrmwd.com](http://ulrmwd.com)**.

For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at the following URL: <http://gis3.tceq.state.tx.us/swav/Controller/index.jsp?wtrsrc=>

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL: <http://dww.tceq.texas.gov/DWW>

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
TREATED SW FROM CITY OF HAMILTON	CC FROM TX0970001 CITY OF	Active	Lake Proctor in Comanche County
TREATED SW FROM UPPER LEON RMWD	TX 0470015	Active	Lake Proctor in Comanche County

**2012 Regulated Contaminants Detected**

**Coliform Bacteria**

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample.	3		0	Y	Naturally present in the environment.

Subsequent samples passed. Replaced all sample bottles and sampling tube with new bottles and tubes.

**Water Quality Test Results**

- Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
- Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
- 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)
- na: not applicable.
- NTU: nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)
- pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
- ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
- ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
- ppq: parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)

### Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	12-11-2012	10.4	0 - 10.4	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	12-11-2012	64	24.1 - 64	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	3-13-2012	0.51	0.46 - 0.51	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen]	3-13-2012	0.05	0.05 - 0.05	1	1	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Nitrate Advisory – Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 1- ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short period of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

#### Violations Table

##### Total Coliform

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present.

Violation Type	Violation	Violation End	Violation Explanation
MCL (TCR), MONTHLY	07/01/2012	07/31/2012	Total coliform bacteria were found in our drinking water during the period indicated in enough samples to violate a standard.

Subsequent samples passed. Replaced all sample bottles and sampling tube with new bottles and tubes.

**Lead and Copper**

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# Sites over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	6-19-2009	1.3	1.3	.336	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposit Leaching from wood preservative. Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead	6-19-2009	0	15	2.19	1	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

**Disinfectant Residual Reporting**

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	UNIT OF MEASURE	Source of Chemical
2012	Chloramines	2.17	.68	4.0	4.0	<4.0	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes