

ELY MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT

Consumer Confidence Report – 2016

Covering Calendar Year – 2015

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are continually being made to improve their water systems. To learn more, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings. **For more information please contact Raul Naranjo at 801-440-2790.**

Your water comes from:

Source Name	Source Water Type
17TH & M ST WELL	Ground Water
10TH & M ST WELL	Ground Water
WELL RW 7P	Ground Water
GOLF COURSE WELL PWCOE 09-05	Ground Water
WELL RW-6P	Ground Water
NORTH ST WELL	Ground Water
TERRACE WELL PWCOE 09-02	Ground Water

We add disinfectant to your water to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires states to develop a Source Water Assessment (SWA) for each public water supply that treats and distributes raw source water in order to identify potential contamination sources. The state has completed an assessment of our source water. For results of the source water assessment, please contact us.

Message from EPA

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

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 (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included 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.

Contaminants that may be present in source water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, 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 may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, may also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system EPA tested a minimum of 7 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presences in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio.

Water Quality Data

The tables following below list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2015 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1- December 31, 2015. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the “Maximum Allowed” MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that 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 Residual Disinfectant Level (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 (MRDLG): the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG’s do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

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

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Testing Results for Ely Municipal Water Department

Violations

During 2015 the City of Ely failed five Coliforms tests, during construction of new water lines. We also missed one of our routine samples; subsequent testing and investigation determined that residents were not under any adverse known health effects from missed or failed samples. At the time public notification were posted regarding these violations. The city retested shortly after the violations and the results were negative.

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
MCL (TCR), MONTHLY	MCL	COLIFORM (TCR)	8/1/2015 - 8/31/2015
MONITORING (TCR), ROUTINE MINOR	MON	COLIFORM (TCR)	12/1/2015 - 12/31/2015
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	MON	CHLORINE	12/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Coliforms	In the month of August, 5 samples returned as positive	MCL: Systems that Collect Less Than 40 Samples per Month - No more than 1 positive monthly sample	0	Naturally present in the environment

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful bacteria may be present. The City of Ely Water System had five positive results for Total Coliform in August of 2015, and this was a warning of possible problems. We performed additional sampling in August and September, and all samples have since shown no further evidence of this biological contaminant.

Disinfection By-Products	Monitoring Period	RRA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TTHM	2014	1	0.5	ppb	80	0	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper	Date	90 th Percentile	Unit	AL	Sites over AL	Typical Source
Copper	2014-2015	0.071	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching of wood preservatives.
Lead	2014-2015	1.0	ppb	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Barium	10/7/2014	0.031	0.031	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling waste; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate	2015	4.30	0.26-4.30	mg/L	10.0	10.0	Run off from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Floride	2015	0.11	0.1-0.11	mg/L	4.0	4.0	Natural deposit; Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Barium	3/11/15	0.12	0.12	ppb	2.0	2.0	Discharging of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Arsenic	3/11/15	2.8	2.8	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	Mar. 17, 2015	1.1	1.1	ug/L	6	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories.
Picloram	2015	0.40	0.32 – 0.40	mg/L	0.5	0.5	Herbicide runoff
Selenium	3/11/2015	5.6	5.6	ppb	5	0	Discharge from petroleum refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Combined Radium (-226 & 228)	Sept 28, 2011	0.6	0.4 – 0.6	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium	Sept 28, 2011	5.2	2.1 – 5.2	µg/L	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha, Excl. Radon & U	Apr 4, 2011	3.9	0.5 – 3.9	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha, Incl. Radon & U	Sept 28, 2011	7.9	2.4 – 7.9	pCi/L	15	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL	MCLG
Chloride	2015	48	2.4-48	mg/L	400	
Color	8/7/2015	5	5	CU	15	
Magnesium	2015	49	16 - 49	mg/L	150	
Odor	9/26/2013	2.8	1.4 - 2.8	TON	3	
pH	2015	7.95	7.69 – 7.95	pH	8.5	
Sodium	2015	23	8.3 - 23	mg/L	200	20
Sulfate	2015	38	9.2 - 38	mg/L	500	
Aluminum	2015	0.69	0.6 – 0.69	mg/L	0.05 – 0.2	
Iron	2015	0.3	0.3	mg/L	0.3	

Health Information About Water Quality

Infants and 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 and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline ([800-426-4761](tel:800-426-4761)).

