

# Water Quality Report 2021

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2021. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and the services we deliver to you every day. (Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien).

Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

## Substances That Could Be in 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 land or 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 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 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 station, 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.

## Source Water Assessment (SWAP)

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is available in our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'MEDIUM'. If you would like to review our Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

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. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact Hugh Halle at 318-449-5688.

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.

CITY OF PINEVILLE WATER SYSTEM is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of material used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting 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>.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals—Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2021. 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.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better to understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)-**

One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)-**

One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter(pCi/L)-**

Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Maximum Residual disinfectant level (MRDL) -**

The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. This is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant level goal (MRDLG) -**

Is 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.

**Action Level (AL)-**

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

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) -**

Is a measure of the clarity or turbidity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**Treatment Technique (TT)-**

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

**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.

**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. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

During the period covered by this report we had below noted violations of drinking water regulations:

TYPE	CATEGORY	ANALYTE	COMPLIANCE PERIOD
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2021			

Our water system tested a minimum on 20 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth. The table below shows the results collected:

Disinfectant	Date	Result	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
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Chlorine	2021	1.4	ppm	0.24 -2.84	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
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**Where does my water come from?** City of Pineville water Department customers are fortunate because they enjoy and abundant water supply from one source: the Carnahan Aquifer. The City has 9 wells that pull from this aquifer. As a final step, our water is chlorinated for disinfection purposes prior to sending it into the distribution system and into your home or business.

The following are our wells sites:

Well	Well Source	Well	Well Source
WELL AT LIBUSE	GROUND WATER	HWY 3128 WELL, EAST	GROUND WATER
WELL AT ONEAL	GROUND WATER	WELL AT RUBY STREET	GROUND WATER
WELL AT LAKEVIEW	GROUND WATER	WELL AT HWY 107	GROUND WATER
WELL AT JEFFERSON HWY	GROUND WATER	WELL AT JANET DRIVE	GROUND WATER
HWY 3128 WELL, WEST	GROUND WATER		

Our water is monitored for 250 different kinds of contaminants on a very strict sampling schedule. The information below represents only those substances that were detected: our goal is to keep all detected below their respective maximum allowed levels. The State recommends monitoring for certain substances less than once per year because the concentrations of these substances do not change frequently. In these cases the most recent sample data is included, along with the year in which the sample was taken.

Source Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
CHLORIDE	7/18/2019	172	0-172	MG/L	250
PH	7/18/2019	7.86	5.7-7.86	MG/L	8.5
SULFATE	7/18/2019	20	0-20	MG/L	250
MANGANESE	7/18/2019	0.12	0-0.12	MG/L	0.05
IRON	7/25/2019	0.16	0-0.16	MG/L	0.3

Source Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
FLUORIDE	7/18/19	1.7	0.2-1.7	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and natural deposits
ARSENIC	7/18/19	2	0-2	ppb	10	0	Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
DIQUAT	7/25/19	0.67	0-0.67	ppb	20	20	Runoff from herbicide use
Treated Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source

No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2021

Radionuclides	Disinfection Byproducts	Period	Result (Highest LRAA)	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (226 & 228) Source Water	TRICHALOACETIC ACIDS (THAAs) 7/18/19	2021	0.2	0.1-0.9	ppb	0.60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
COMBINED RADIUM (226 & 228) Treated Water	THM 2/15/19	2021	37	14.1-37.7	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY Source Water		7/18/19	4.71	0-4.71	pCi/l	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 Millirems /year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/l is used as a screening level.

Wa	Treated Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL		
	IRON	10/11/2021	0.16	0-0.16	MG/L	0.3		
Lead and Copper	Date	90 <sup>TH</sup> Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source	
	COPPER, FREE	2018-2020	0.2	0-0.5	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
	LEAD	2018-2020	1	0-4	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>	<b>Collection Dates</b>	<b>Average Concentration</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Germanium	5/28/2020 & 11/7/2020	5.314	1.3 - 8.8	ppb
HAA5	5/28/2020 & 11/7/2020	10.21	4.1 - 17.3	ppb
HAA6Br	5/28/2020 & 11/7/2020	9.198	5.9 - 13.5	ppb
HAA9	5/28/2020 & 11/7/2020	17.435	8.6 - 27.3	ppb
Manganese	5/28/2020 & 11/7/2020	4.75	1.6 - 14.3	ppb

### **Important Health Information**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons 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) or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/hotline>.

### **Information on the Internet**

The U.S. EPA Office of Water ([www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) Web sites provide a substantial amount of information on many issues relating to water resources, water conservation, and public health.

### **Community Participation**

You are invited to participate in our public forum and voice your concerns about your drinking water. We meet the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 910 Main Street, Pineville, LA.

**Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.**

**We at the City of PINEVILLE WATER SYSTEM work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have any questions.**