



# City of Shenandoah 2010 Consumer Confidence Report

(Annual Drinking Water Quality Report)

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## Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what is in your drinking water.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

#### Required language for ALL community public water supplies:

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; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with 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 provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

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.

### Where do we get our drinking water?

#### GULF COAST AQUIFER and 3 GROUNDWATER WELLS

A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water source(s) is currently being updated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This information 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 information contained in the assessment allows us to focus our source water protection strategies. Some of this source water assessment information is available on Texas Drinking Water Watch at <http://dww.tceq.state.tx.us/DWW/>. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

### Public Information

**Telephone: (281) 298-5522**

If you have questions about this report, please contact Byron Bevers.

### ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. 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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### Water Sources:

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. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment 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

### Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

### En Español

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (281) 298-5522 para hablar con una persona bilingue en español.

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## DEFINITIONS

**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 allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (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 Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (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.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Average (Avg)** – Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**NTU** - Nephelometric Turbidity Units  
**MFL** – million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)  
**pCi/L**- picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)  
**ppm**- parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L) or one ounce in 7.350 gallons of water  
**ppb**- parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L) or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water  
**ppt**- parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter  
**ppq**- parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

## Inorganic Contaminant

Collection Date	Contaminant	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2010	Barium	0.04	0.04 – 0.04	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2010	Fluoride	0.35	0.35 - 0.35	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2010	Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	0.03	0 – 0.03	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2009	Gross alpha	1.9	0	3	15	0	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits.

## Radioactive Contaminants

Year	Contaminant	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2010	Beta/photon emitters	5.9	5.9 – 5.9	0	50	pCi/L	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
02/03/2009	Combined Radium 226/228	0.74	0.74 - . 0.74	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

**Organic Contaminants** TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level**

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Disinfectant
2009	Chlorine Residual, Free	1.52	1.03	2.08	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

**Disinfectants and Disinfection By-products**

Year	Contaminant	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2010	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHm)	7	5.2 - 7	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

**Unregulated Initial Distribution System Evaluation for Disinfection Byproducts** WAIVED OR NOT YET SAMPLED

**Unregulated Contaminants**

Bromoform, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Chloroform	0.9	0.9	0.9	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Bromoform	3.4	3.4	3.4	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Bromodichloromethane	2.7	2.7	2.7	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2008	Dibromochloromethane	4.3	4.3	4.3	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

**Lead and Copper**

Year	Contaminant	The 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Lead	9.6	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
2008	Copper	0.071	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

**Required Additional Health Information for Lead**

*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. This water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but 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>*

**Turbidity** NOT REQUIRED

**Total Coliform** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO COLIFORM BACTERIA

**Fecal Coliform** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA

**Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)**

Year or Range	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2008	Bicarbonate	268	200	323	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2005	Calcium	21.2	5.5	33.4	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2008	Chloride	34	24	47	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2005	Copper	0.009	0.005	0.013	1	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
2005	Iron	0.059	0.023	0.123	.3	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; iron or steel water delivery equipment or facilities.
2005	Magnesium	4.2	0	6.5	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2005	Manganese	0.0036	0	0.0087	.05	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2005	Nickel	0.001	0	0.001	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits.
2008	pH	7.8	7.7	7.9	>7.0	units	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2005	Sodium	90	43	131	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Sulfate	12	9	19	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2008	Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	220	164	265	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2008	Total Dissolved Solids	306	234	356	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2005	Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	70	14	109	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium.
2005	Zinc	0.073	0.007	0.109	5	ppm	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element; used in the metal industry.

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