

NW HARRIS COUNTY M.U.D. NO. 28

2023 Drinking Water Quality Report

This report is an annual summary of the quality of your drinking water. It is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and is based on the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency required tests.

OUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), has completed an assessment of your source water, and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system is based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants will be found in this consumer confidence report. For more information on source water and protection efforts at our systems contact Natalia Espitia at: (281) 353-9809.

En Español

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono: (281) 353-9809.

Where do we get our drinking water?

The source of drinking water used by North West Harris County MUD 28 is ground water. It comes from the Gulf Coast Aquifers some 500 to 2,000 feet below ground surface.

Contaminants that may be Present in Source Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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 (1-800-426-4791).

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic system, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater, 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 stormwater 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 stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and
- **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, the EPA prescribes regulations that limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that 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 h2o innovation at (281) 353-9809.

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or Immuno-compromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those 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 provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Public Participation Opportunities:

The North West Harris County MUD 28 Board of Directors meet at 6:30 P.M on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Forest Club House, 20811 Normandy Forest Dr, Spring, Texas 77388. You may contact Natalia Espitia or Brenda Landin, with h2o innovation at 281-353-9809 with any concerns or questions you may have.



About the Following Table

The following table contains all of the chemical constituents which have been found in your drinking water for the most recent testing performed in accordance with applicable regulations. USEPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents. The constituents detected in your water are listed in the attached table.

DEFINITIONS

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant 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 level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

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

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) = The level of 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.

ppm = parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/l), one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

ppb = parts per billion or micrograms per liter (mg/l), one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level = The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

pCi/l = pico curies per liter: Measure of radioactivity.

Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 28 TX1013258 2023 Drinking Water Quality Report:

Organic Contaminants							
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2023	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	20.70	3.50 - 20.70	80	n/a	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
2023	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	3.30	0.00 - 3.30	60	n/a	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

*The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all TTHM/HAA5 sample results collected at a location over a year.

Disinfectant Residual							
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MRDL	MRDLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2023	Chlorine Disinfectant	2.12	0.85 - 3.20	4	4	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

Lead and Copper							
Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Levels	MCLG	Action Level	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2022	Lead	1.01	0	0	15	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing system.
2022	Copper	0.0781	0	1.3	1.3	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits.

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>

Unregulated Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Units of Measure
2023	Bromofrom	6.32	1.80 - 13.0	ppb
2023	Dibromochloromethane	2.90	1.70 - 5.7	ppb
2023	Bromodichloromethane	1.50	0.00 - 2.0	ppb
2023	Dibromoacetic Acid	1.50	0.00 - 3.30	ppb
2021	Chloroform	1.00	1.0 - 1.0	ppb
2021	Bromochloroacetic Acid	1.4	1.4 - 1.4	ppb
2019	Dichloroactic Acid	2.60	2.6 - 2.6	ppb

** 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.

**During 2023 the District received water from Meadowhill Regional M.U.D. TX1010387
The following water quality information was provided by Meadowhill Regional M.U.D:**

Inorganic Contaminants

Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2023	Barium	0.0654	0.0654 - 0.0654	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes.
2023	Fluoride*	2.18	0.85 - 2.18	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits.

Unregulated Contaminants**

Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Units of Measure
2023	Bromoform	10.0	10.0 - 10.0	ppb
2022	Dibromoacetic Acid	2.10	2.10 - 2.10	ppb
2023	Dibromochloromethane	5.00	5.00 - 5.00	ppb
2023	Bromodichloromethane	1.60	1.60 - 1.60	ppb
2020	Chloroform	1.30	1.30 - 1.30	ppb

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Coliform Bacteria

Year	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	Source of Constituent
2023	0	1 positive monthly sample.	1	0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment.

During 2023, NW HC MUD 28 received water from Northwest Harris County M.U.D. No. 36 TX1012848. The following information was provided by Northwest Harris County M.U.D. No. 36:

Inorganic Contaminants							
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2021	Barium	0.0598	0.0598 - 0.0598	2	2	ppm	Discharge or drilling wastes.
2023	Nitrate	0.99	0.99 - 0.99	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use.
2023	Cyanide	20.00	20.00 - 20.00	200	200	ppb	Discharge form steel/metal factories
2019	Fluoride	0.10	0.10 - 0.10	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits.

Organic Contaminants							
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2023	Simazine	0.18	0.18 - 0.18	4	4	ppb	Herbicide runoff.
2023	Atrazine	0.29	0.29 - 0.29	3	3	ppb	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.

Organic Contaminants							
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at Any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Units of Measure	Source of Constituent
2023	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	15.2	7.5 - 15.2	80	n/a	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
2023	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	12.9	10.4 - 12.9	60	n/a	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

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Unregulated Contaminants**				
Year	Constituent	Average of All Sampling Points	Range of Detected Levels	Units of Measure
2023	Chloroform	8.30	5.2 - 11.5	ppb
2023	Bromodichloromethane	1.63	0.0 - 2.6	ppb
2023	Trichloroacetic Acid	1.83	1.6 - 2.2	ppb
2023	Dichloroacetic Acid	9.65	8.8 - 10.7	ppb
2022	Monochloroacetic Acid	2.40	2.4 - 2.4	ppb
2023	Bromochloroacetic Acid	1.50	1.2 - 2.0	ppb
2023	Dibromoacetic Acid	2.70	2.7 - 2.7	ppb
2022	Bromoform	6.90	6.9 - 6.9	ppb
2023	Dibromochloromethane	1.1	1.1 - 1.1	ppb

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