

Blaketree MUD #1

2018 Drinking Water Quality Report

OUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE

Meeting or Exceeding all Federal (EPA) 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's in your drinking water.

En Español

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre su agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (936) 588-1166—para hablar con una persona bilingue en español.

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

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. The EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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 (1-800-426-4791).

WATER SOURCES: 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. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

Where do we get OUR drinking water?

Our drinking water is obtained from ground water sources. It comes from the Jasper Aquifer. A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water sources is currently being updated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The report will describe 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 will allow us to focus our source water protection strategies. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system please contact Philip Wright or John Wright at 936-588-1166.

ALL Drinking Water May Contain Contaminants

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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.

Public input concerning your water system may be made at the regularly scheduled meetings on the second Friday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at the office of Coats Rose located at 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas, 77046. You may contact John Wright or Philip Wright, Hays Utility North at 936-588-1166 with any questions or concerns you may have.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA 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.

EPA website: www.epa.gov/safewater

FDA website: <http://www.nrdc.org/water/>

About the Following Page

The page that follows lists all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

DEFINITIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING PAGE:

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 not known or expected health risk. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of 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 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 contamination.

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

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

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

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

pCi/L = pico curies per liter: (a measure of radio-activity).



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Based on Latest Water Quality Data From the TCEQ

Inorganic Contaminants								
Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Constituent
2017	Arsenic	5.4	5.4—5.4	10	0	Ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Run-off from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
2017	Barium	0.14	0.14—0.14	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2017	Fluoride	0.24	0.24—0.24	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additives which promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2017	Selenium	12.4	12.4—12.4	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from Petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
2017	*Beta/photons emitters	9.1	9.1—9.1	4	0	mrem/yr	N	Decay of Natural and Man- made Deposits.
2017	Gross Alpha excluding radon and uranium	8	8—8.5	15	0	pCi/L	N	Erosion of Natural Deposits
2017	Combined Radium (226/228)	3.2	3.2—3.2	5	0	pCi/L	N	Erosion of Natural Deposits
2017	Uranium	1	1—1	30	0	ug/l	N	Erosion of Natural Deposits

*EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles

Disinfectant Residual

Year	Constituent	Average Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Constituent
2018	Chlorine Residual, Free	1.21	0.4—3.14	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes

Disinfection Byproducts

Year	Constituent	Highest Detected Level	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Constituent
2018	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	1	1-1	60	ppb	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

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

Lead and Copper

Year	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Action Level	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Constituent
2018	Lead	0.551	15.0	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits
2018	Copper	.0742	1.30	0	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing; 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 our 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 drinking water produced by Your District exceeds all of the minimum water quality standards as established by the USEPA.

Important Information About Your Drinking Water

Public water systems must routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. BLAKETREE MUD 1, TX1700784 failed to monitor for or meet drinking water standards. The table below lists each violation, the time period(s), potential health effects, and associated analytical results (if applicable).

Originating Violation	Violation Number	Time Period(s) of Violation(s)	Potential Health Effects	Analytical Results
A Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR) violation for CHLORINE	2019 100069288	10/01/2017 12/31/2017	Required Disinfection Quarterly Operating Report showing disinfectant residuals was not provided to TCEQ on-time or not provided for the specified quarterly monitoring period.	No Analytical Result(s) Associated

You do not need to boil your water or obtain alternative water supply (e.g. bottle water) at this time. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of drinking water contaminants are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Corrective Action:

BLAKETREE MUD 1 has taken the following action(s) to return the system to compliance:

DLQOR for the affected time period was filled out and submitted to TCEQ.

For more information, or to learn more about protecting your drinking water, please contact BLAKETREE MUD 1 representative Philip Wright at 936-588-1166.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.