

# HARRIS COUNTY M.U.D. No. 8

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## 2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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### *En Español*

*Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en espanol, por favor llame al telefono 281-350-0895.*

### **OUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE**

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

**Public Participation Opportunities** concerning your water system may be made at regularly scheduled meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:45 a.m., Young & Brooks, 10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260, Houston, Texas 77024-3430. You may contact Steve Reifel at TNG Utility Corp., phone # 281-350-0895, with any questions or concerns you may have.

### **Where do we get your drinking water?**

Our drinking water is obtained from surface water sources. It is provided by the City of Houston.

The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Assessment for all drinking water systems that own their sources. The report 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 system from which we purchase our water received the assessment report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts of our system, feel free to call us at 281-350-0895.

**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 include: (i) microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; (ii) 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; (iii) pesticides and herbicides, which might

have a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; (iv) 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 (v) radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

### **All Drinking Water may Contain Contaminants**

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be

### **A 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 the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Also, see EPA website: [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater) and NRDC website: [www.nrdc.org/water](http://www.nrdc.org/water)

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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

In order to ensure that the tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA prescribes regulations that 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 that must provide the same protection for public health.

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### *About the Following Table*

The following table contains all of the federally regulated or monitored chemical constituents which have been found in your drinking water. USEPA requires water systems to test up to 97 constituents. The data presented in the report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with the regulations.

### *Abbreviations and Definitions*

**Avg:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - 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.

**Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

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

**Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

**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 a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

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

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

**Action Level Goal (ALG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MFL:** million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

**ppm** - milligrams per liter or parts per million-or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

**ppb** - micrograms per liter or parts per billion-or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

**pCi/l** - pico curies per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**N/A** - not applicable

**mrem** - millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

**NTU** - nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)

**ppt** - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

**ppq** - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)

## *Harris County M.U.D. No. 8 - 2017 Drinking Water Quality Report Data*

### Disinfectant Residuals:

Year	Constituent	Average Level	Range of Detected Levels (low - high)	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2017	Chloramine	2.66	.52 - 3.80	4	4	ppm	No	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

### Disinfectant By-products:

Collection Date	Constituent	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detected Levels (low - high)	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Disinfectant
2017	Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	24.0	16.5 - 23.3	n/a	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
2017	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	32.0	23.9 - 36.3	n/a	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

**Unregulated Contaminants:** Unregulated contaminants are those for which the 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 regulations are warranted.

Year	Constituent	Average Level	Range of Detected Levels (low - high)	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Disinfectant
2017	Bromodichloromethane	8.28	6.0 - 11.1	n/a	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
2017	Chloroform	17.8	15.1 - 22.4	n/a	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

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

**Organics:** TESTING WAIVED, NOT REPORTED, OR NONE DETECTED

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

**Turbidity:** NOT REQUIRED

**Your water  is safe to Drink !**

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### **Secondary Constituents**

Contaminants may be found in drinking water, that may cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not USEPA. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns, but may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water. For more information on taste, odor or color of drinking water please contact the system's business office at 281-350-0895.

#### **Inorganic Contaminants:**

Collection Date	Constituent	Highest Detected Level at any Sampling Point	Range of Detected Levels	MCL	MCLG	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2017	Nitrate [measured as nitrogen]	0.39	0.39- 0.39	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

**Lead and Copper:** - These samples are taken from the customer taps. Definitions: Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety. Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Date Sampled	Constituent	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	MCLG	Violation	Source of Contaminant
9/22/14	Lead	1.90	0	15	ppb	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
9/22/14	Copper	0.056	0	1.3	ppm	1.3	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

\* The 90th percentile of the Lead/ Copper analysis means the top 10% (highest sample results) of all samples collected.

#### **Recommended Additional Health Information for Lead in Drinking Water:**

*“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 home 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 by an approved laboratory. 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>.”*



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### Information about Source Water Assessments

For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at the following URL:

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview>

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL:

<http://dww2.tceq.texas.gov/DWW>

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
SW FROM CITY OF HOUSTON	Surface Water	Active	Harris County

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<b>Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)</b>	2017	32	0 - 44	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
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\* The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all HAA5 sample results collected at a location over a year'

<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)</b>	2017	38	2.8 - 47.4	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
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\* The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all TTHM sample results collected at a location over a year'

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
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<b>Arsenic</b>	2017	6	0 - 5.7	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
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While your drinking water meets EPA standards for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

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Barium	2017	0.398	0.0446 - 0.398	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	2017	10.1	0 - 10.1	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
Cyanide	2017	100	0 - 100	200	200	ppb	N	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/ metal factories.
Fluoride	2017	0.5	0 - 0.51	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2017	1	0 - 0.95	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	2017	10	0 - 10	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
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Beta/photon emitters	2017	8.7	0 - 8.7	0	4	mrem/yr	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
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\*EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

Combined Radium 226/228	2017	2.99	0 - 2.99	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2017	5	0 - 16	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium	2017	2	0 - 16.9	0	30	ug/l	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Atrazine	2017	1	0 - 0.91	3	3	ppb	N	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	2017	1	0 - 1.4	0	6	ppb	N	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories.
Endrin	2017	0.01	0 - 0.01	2	2	ppb	N	Residue of banned insecticide.
Simazine	2017	0.2	0 - 0.2	4	4	ppb	N	Herbicide runoff.

Volatile Organic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Ethylbenzene	2017	2.2	0 - 2.2	700	700	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum refineries.
Toluene	2017	0.001	0 - 0.001	1	1	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum factories.

Xylenes	2017	0.013	0 - 0.013	10	10	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories.
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