

2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D. - FONDREN ROAD PWS ID 1010249

Phone No: 281-499-5539

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by Harris County W.C.I.D.-Fondren Road is Ground Water and Purchased Surface Water from City of Houston PWS ID # 1010013.

Information about your Drinking 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 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 at (800) 426-4791.

For information regarding this report contact: **Harris County W.C.I.D.-Fondren Road** at: 281-499-5539.

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Para asistencia español, favor de llamar a Harris County W.C.I.D. Fondren Road al teléfono 281-499-5539.

Public Participation Opportunities

Date: 2nd Tuesday of every month
Time: 5 pm
Location: 11802 ½ McLain Missouri City Texas
Phone No: 281-499-5539

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinkingwater), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

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 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 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.

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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottle water which 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 the system's business office.

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; persons 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 providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we 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>.

Information about Source Water

TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of your 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 may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report.** For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Quail Valley Utility District at: 281-499-5539.

Source Water Name 2 – 11802 McClain, 3 – 13455 Beltway 8
Type of Water: Ground Water **Report Status:** Active
Location: GW from City of Houston SW from City of Houston

Definitions and Abbreviations

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation

Action Level: 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.

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

Maximum Contaminant Level or 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.

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 or 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.

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 or MRDL: The highest level of a 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 or 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.

MFL: Million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

na: not applicable.

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

NTU nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)

pCi/L picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

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

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

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

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

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

Water Quality Test Results 2018 Regulated Contaminants

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Disinfectant Residual:

Year	Disinfectant Residual	MRDLG	MRDL	Average level	Range of Levels Detected	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source in Drinking Water
2018	Chloramine, Total	< 4.0	4.0	2.75	1.64–3.96	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2018	1.3	1.3	0.889	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2018	0	15	14.2	1	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Lead and Copper

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Lead Information:

Harris County WCID-Fondren Road completed increased monitoring and testing for the Lead and Copper samples as required by TCEQ for 2018. All samples results were below the Action Level. If you have questions, please call Quail Valley Utility District at 281/499-5539.

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	2018	9	0 – 34.9	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

*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.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2018	16	0 – 34.7	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

*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
Barium	2016	0.125	0.125 - 0.125	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2017	0.32	0.27 – 0.32	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]	2018	1	0.11 – 0.56	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	2016	3.7	3.3 – 3.7	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
Beta/photon emitters	2018	6.8	0 – 6.8	0	50	pCi/L*	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

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

Combined Radium 226/228	Collection Date	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2018	1.65	0 – 1.65	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2018	7	2 – 7	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium	2018	15.7	3.1 – 15.7	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	2018	0.11	0 – 0.11	3	3	ppb	N	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.
Di (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate	2018	1	0 – 1.3	0	6	ppb	N	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories.
Simazine	2018	0.07	0 – 0.07	4	4	ppb	N	Herbicide runoff.

2018 CCR Water Loss Information:

In the water loss audit submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for the time period of Jan-Dec 2018, our system lost an estimated 10,213,359 gallons of water. If you have any questions about the water loss audit, please call HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D., -FONDREN ROAD at: 281-499-5539. If you have any other questions about how the amount of water lost should appear on your CCR please call the TCEQ Public Drinking Water Section at 512-239-4691. If you have any questions about the water loss audit, please contact the Texas Water Development Board at 512-463-7847. If you have questions concerning the CCR, please call the Drinking Water Quality Team at 512/239-4691 or email PWSCCR@tceq.texas.gov. When you contact the TCEQ please make sure that you reference the PWS Name and ID number.

PWS ID 1010013

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SIMS BAYOU PLANT, EAST WATER PURIFICATION PLANTS 1&2, SOUTHEAST WATER PURIFICATION PLANT

REGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Inorganic Contaminants

Collection Date	Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level or Average Detected	Range of Individual Samples	Unit of Measure	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
2018	<i>Atrazine</i>	3	3	0.32	0.19 – 0.32	ppb	N	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
2018	<i>Fluoride</i>	4	4	0.26	0.21 - 0.26	mg/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2018	<i>Nitrate</i>	10	10	0.32	0.25 - 0.32	mg/L	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2018	<i>Barium</i>	2	2	0.0542	0.0424- 0.0542	mg/L	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2018	<i>Simazine</i>	4	4	0.12	ND – 0.12	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
2018	<i>Cyanide</i>	0.2	0.2	0.05	ND – 0.05	mg/L	N	Discharge from steel metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (List 2)

TURBIDITY

2018	Level Detected	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest single measurement	0.48 NTU	1 NTU	N	Soil runoff.
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	98%	0.3 NTU	N	Soil runoff.

Information Statement: Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.