

# HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS



2017 WATER QUALITY REPORT

### Houston Water Quality Report | January - December 2017

The City of Houston delivers drinking water of the highest quality through six community public water systems:

**Houston Main System Willowchase** 

**Kingwood Utility District 5 District 82** 

District 73
Belleauwoods

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that all drinking water suppliers provide a Drinking Water Quality Report to their customers on an annual basis.

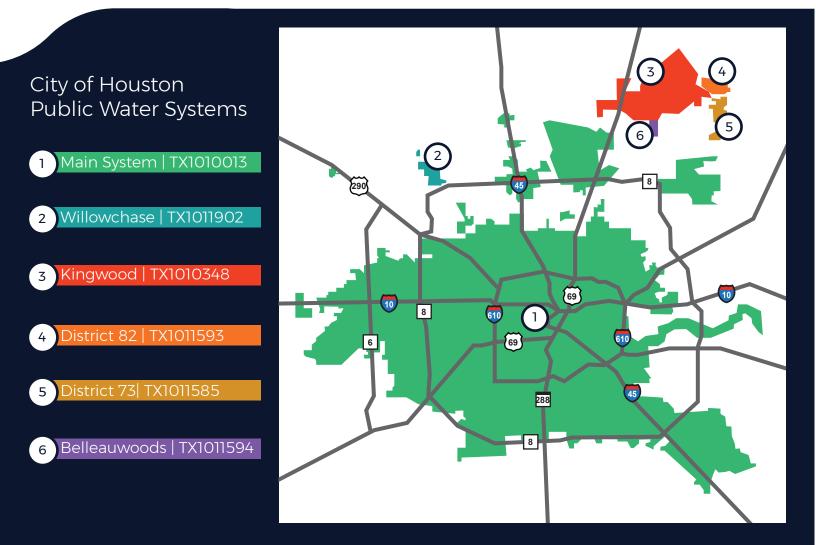
Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al 311.

Bảng Báo Cáo Chất Lượng Nước hàng năm này cung cấp thông tin về nước uống. Để được trợ giúp bằng tiếng Việt, xin vui lòng gọi số 311.

Ce rapport annuel sur la Qualité de l'Eau fournit des informations sur l'eau potable. Pour de l'assistance en français, appelez le 311.

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這份「水質年度報告」提供飲用水方面的資訊。如需中文協助, 請撥 311.



### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There are many opportunities for public participation. Information on Houston City Council meetings is available at: houstontx.gov/citysec. To find out more about Houston Water Education & Outreach visit: publicworks.houstontx.gov/pud/conservation.html.

### **WATER SOURCES**

Customers of Houston Water Main System receive their drinking water from three water purification plants and 40 ground water plants. 16 additional groundwater plants provide for the remaining 5 Houston Water Systems. The City of Houston treats the water according to federal and state standards to remove any possible harmful contaminants.

The sources of drinking water nationwide 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 can be polluted by animals or human activity. Contaminants that may be present in the source water include: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from agriculture, storm water run-off, and residential uses; organic chemicals, from industrial or petroleum use; and naturally-occurring radioactive materials.

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 concerns with taste, odor or color of drinking water, contact 311 or email waterquality@houstontx.gov.

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 the 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 (800-426-4791).

### **UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

Unregulated contaminants do not have EPA established drinking water standards. The purpose of monitoring these contaminants is to assist the EPA in determining if future regulation is warranted. For more information visit epa.gov/dwucmr.

### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

Some people may be more vulnerable 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 HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from a 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).

### **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. City of Houston 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 two 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 (800-426-4791) or at epa.gov/safewater/lead.

### **WATER LOSS**

The Infrastructure Leak Index (ILI) measures the efficiency of water loss control efforts. It is calculated by taking the real losses (water lost due to leaks) and dividing them by the unavoidable real losses, the theoretical level of minimum leakage calculated by American Water Works Association Standards. In 2017, Houston Water's ILI was 8.69.

## Main System | TX1010013

**88%** Surface Water **12%** Groundwater

Average Water Produced Daily

446
Million
Gallons

Customers

2.3
Million

Groundwater Source:

104 wells (Evangeline & Chicot Aquifers) at depths greater than 750 feet

Surface Water Source:

San Jacinto River (Lake Conroe & Lake Houston); Trinity River (Lake Livingston)

| Thinty River (Lake Livingston)   |  |                 |   |  |               |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|---------------|--|--|
| Parameter/Substance (units)      | Highest Level Allowed                    | Ideal Goal      | 2017 Detections   |  |               |  |  |
| (Sampled in 2017 unless noted)   | (EPA's MCL)                              | (EPA's MCL)     | Minimum   | Average  | Maximum       |  |  |
|                                  | Monitored at Wa                          | ter Plants      |   |  |               |  |  |
| Arsenic (ppb) <sup>1</sup>       | 10                                       | 0               | ND  | 1.9  | 5.7           |  |  |
| Atrazine (ppb)                   | 3  | 3               | ND  | 0.12   | 0.91          |  |  |
| Barium (ppm)                     | 2  | 2               | 0.05  | 0.17   | 0.40          |  |  |
| Total Chromium (ppb)             | 100                                      | 100             | ND  | 0.4  | 10.1          |  |  |
| Combined Radium (pCi/L)          | 5  | 0               | ND  | 1  | 3             |  |  |
| Combined Uranium (ppb)           | 30                                       | 0               | ND  | 3  | 17            |  |  |
| Cyanide (ppb)                    | 200                                      | 200             | ND  | 10   | 100           |  |  |
| Di(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate (ppb) | 6  | 0               | ND  | 0.1  | 1.4           |  |  |
| Endrin (ppb)                     | 2  | 2               | ND  | 0.00   | 0.01          |  |  |
| Ethylbenzene (ppb)               | 700                                      | 700             | ND  | 0.2  | 2.2           |  |  |
| Fluoride (ppm)                   | 4  | 4               | ND  | 0.31   | 0.51          |  |  |
| Gross Alpha (pCi/L)              | 15                                       | 0               | ND  | 3.2  | 10.0          |  |  |
| Gross Beta (pCi/L)               | 50                                       | 0               | ND  | 1.9  | 8.7           |  |  |
| Nitrate (ppm)                    | 10                                       | 10              | ND  | 0.25   | 0.95          |  |  |
| Selenium (ppb)                   | 50                                       | 50              | ND  | 1.7  | 10.0          |  |  |
| Simazine (ppb)                   | 4  | 4               | ND  | 0.1  | 0.2           |  |  |
| Toluene (ppm)                    | 1  | 1               | ND  | 0.0  | 1.0           |  |  |
| Turbidity (NTU)                  | (TT) 95% of monthly<br>samples ≤ 0.3 NTU | NA              | Lowest Monthly Percentage ≤ 0.3 NTU: 100%<br>Highest Single Measurement: 0.3 NTU      |  |               |  |  |
| Xylenes (ppm)                    | 10                                       | 10              | ND  | 0.001  | 0.013         |  |  |
| Monitored in Distribution System |  |                 |   |  |               |  |  |
| Chloramines (Disinfectant)       | 4.0 (MRDL)                               | <4.0<br>(MRDLG) | ND  | 1.8  | 3.7           |  |  |
| Haloacetic Acids (ppb)           | Yearly Average (LRAA)<br><60             | NA              | Individual sample   | st LRAA: 31.8 p<br>results range<br>ected) to 44.0 | from <6.0 ppb |  |  |
| Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)      | Yearly Average (LRAA)<br><80             | NA              | Highest LRAA: 37.8 ppb<br>Individual sample results range from<br>2.8 ppb to 47.4 ppb |  |               |  |  |



Parameter/Substance (units)

(Sampled in 2017 unless noted)

Key

**ND** = Not detected

| (Jarripied   | Till 2017 dilless floted) | (LFA3 MCL)                              | (LFA3 MCL)  | Millimum  | Average | Maximum   |  |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---------|-----------|--|
|              | Monitored at Customer Tap |   |   |   |         |           |  |
| Copper (pp   | om) 2016²                 | AL = 90%<br>below 1.3 ppm (TT)          | 1.3   | 90% below 0.261 ppm<br>One sample above 1.3 ppm at 1.92 ppm |         |           |  |
| Lead (ppb)   | 2016 <sup>2</sup>         | AL = 90%<br>below 15 ppb (TT)           | % below 4 pp<br>above 15 ppk  |   |         |           |  |
|              |                           | Secondary                               | y Standards   |   |         |           |  |
| Paramet      | cer/Substance (units)     | Recommended Le                          | evels (SMCL)  | Minimum   | Average | Maximum   |  |
| Sulfate (ppr | m)                        | 250                                     |   | 5   | 21      | 48        |  |
| Chloride (p  | pm)                       | 250                                     |   | 27  | 46      | 170       |  |
| Iron (ppm)   |                           | 0.3                                     |   | ND  | 0.10    | 1.52      |  |
| Manganese    | e (ppm)                   | 0.05                                    |   | ND  | 0.009   | 0.047     |  |
| рН           |                           | 6.5 - 8.5                               | 5   | 6.9   | 7.6     | 8.4       |  |
| Total Dissol | lved Solids (ppm)         | 500                                     | 139   | 2.79  | 512     |           |  |
| Total Hardr  | ness as CaCO3 (ppm)       | NA                                      |   | 49  | 135     | 219       |  |
| Zinc (ppm)   |                           | 5                                       |   | ND  | 0.015   | 0.147     |  |
|              |                           | Unregulated Conta                       | minants 2013 - 20   | )14   |         |           |  |
| Unregulate   | ed Contaminant (units)    | Minimum                                 | Av  | /erage  | Maxi    | imum      |  |
| 1,4-Dioxane  | : (ppb)                   | ND                                      | 0   | .006  | C       | 0.091     |  |
| Bromochlo    | promethane (ppb)          | ND                                      | 0   | 0.001   | (       | 0.120     |  |
| Chlorate (p  | pb)                       | ND                                      | 1   | 31  |         | 515       |  |
| Chromium     | (ppb)                     | ND                                      | (   | 0.62  | (       | 6.00      |  |
| Cobalt (ppk  | ۵)                        | ND                                      | (   | D.01  |         | 2.10      |  |
| Hexavalent   | Chromium (ppb)            | ND                                      |   | 0.7   |         | 6.7       |  |
| Molybdenu    | ım (ppb)                  | ND                                      | T   | 2   |         | 8         |  |
| Strontium (  | (ppb)                     | 69                                      |   | 183   | (       | 650       |  |
| Vanadium (   | (ppb)                     | ND                                      | T   | 1.1   | 16      |           |  |
| Table        | NA = Not applicable       | 1 | ppb = Parts per billion pCi/L = Pico Curies per liter   liter (a measure of |   |         | alometric |  |

Highest Level Allowed

(EPA's MCL)

Ideal Goal

(EPA's MCL

2017 Detections

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 $(\mu g/L)$ 

or micrograms per liter

liter (a measure of

radioactivity)

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**Turbidity Units** 

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LRAA Locational Running Annual Average - The average of results taken at a specific monitoring location during the previous four quarters.

**Notes 1** Arsenic - Houston's Main drinking water contains low levels of arsenic, but is below the state and federal action levels. EPA's standard balances arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing it 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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or milligrams per liter

(mg/L)

Samples taken in the Houston Main Public Water System (TX1010013) during October, November, and December 2017 were in compliance & met drinking water standards for bacteria; however, chlorine disinfectant residual levels during these months were below the TCEQ-required minimum standards in more than 5% of the samples taken. During the month of January less than 5% of samples detected chloramine levels below the state-required minimum, and the system returned to compliance on February 1, 2018.

Average Water Produced Daily

2.2 Million Gallons 13,500

Groundwater Source:

5 wells (Evangeline & Chicot Aquifers) at depths greater than 750 feet

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------|-----------------|--|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Parameter/Substance (units)      |                                | Highest Level Allowed             | Ideal Go                                  |         | 2017 Detections |  |  |                                  |  |  |
| (Sampled i                       | n 2017 unless noted)           | (EPA's MCL)                       | (EPA's MC                                 | CL)     | Mini            | mum                                      | Average  | Maximum                          |  |  |
|                                  |                                | Monitored at Wa                   | ater Plants                               |         |                 |  |  |                                  |  |  |
| Arsenic (ppb)                    | )                              | 10                                | 0   |         | 2               | .8                                       | 2.9  | 2.9                              |  |  |
| Barium (ppm                      | ٦)                             | 2                                 | 2   |         | 0.              | 22                                       | 0.25   | 0.28                             |  |  |
| Combined U                       | ranium (ppb)                   | 30                                | 0   |         | 3.              | .0                                       | 4.4  | 5.7                              |  |  |
| Fluoride (ppr                    | m)                             | 4                                 | 4   |         | С               | ).]                                      | 0.1  | 0.1                              |  |  |
| Gross Alpha                      | (pCi/L)                        | 15                                | 0   |         | 2               | .0                                       | 3.0  | 4.0                              |  |  |
| Gross Beta (p                    | oCi/L)                         | 50                                | 0   |         | N               | D  | 2.2  | 4.4                              |  |  |
| Nitrate (ppm                     | )                              | 10                                | 10  | 10 0.19 |                 |  | 0.21   | 0.23                             |  |  |
| Selenium (pp                     | ob)                            | 50                                | 50  |         | 4.              | .5                                       | 5.7  | 6.8                              |  |  |
| Monitored at Distribution System |                                |                                   |   |         |                 |  |  |                                  |  |  |
| Chlorine (Dis                    | infectant)                     | 4.0 (MRDL)                        | <4.0 (MRDI                                | LG)     | 0.5             |  | 1.2  | 1.7                              |  |  |
| Total Trihalor                   | nethanes (ppb)                 | Yearly Average (LRAA) <80         | NA  |         |                 |  | pb. Individual<br>o (not detected              | sample results<br>d) to 12.7 ppb |  |  |
|                                  |                                | Monitored at Cus                  | stomer Tap                                |         |                 |  |  |                                  |  |  |
| Lead (ppb) 2                     | 0151                           | AL = 90%<br>below 15 ppm (TT)     |   | 0       |                 | 90% below 0 ppb<br>No sample above 15 pp |  |                                  |  |  |
| Copper (ppm                      | n) 2015 <sup>1</sup>           | AL = 90%<br>below 1.3 ppm (TT)    | 1   | 1.3     |                 |  | 90% below 0.162 ppm<br>No sample above 1.3 ppm |                                  |  |  |
|                                  |                                | Secondary Sta                     | andards                                   |         |                 |  |  |                                  |  |  |
| Parameter                        | /Substance (units)             | Recommended Levels                | (SMCL)                                    |         |                 |  | etection                                       |                                  |  |  |
|                                  |                                |                                   | (6.152)                                   | ١       | Minimum         |  | Average  | Maximum                          |  |  |
| Chloride (ppr                    | m)                             | 250                               |   |         | 50              |  | 55   | 59                               |  |  |
| рН                               |                                | 6.5 - 8.5                         |   |         | 7.5             |  | 7.5  | 7.6                              |  |  |
| Total Dissolve                   | ed Solids (ppm)                | 500                               |   |         | 290             |  | 299  | 304                              |  |  |
| Total Hardne                     | ss as CaCO3 (ppm)              | NA                                |   |         | 172             |  | 176  | 179                              |  |  |
| Sulfate (ppm                     | )                              | 250                               |   |         | 6.0             |  | 6.3  | 7.0                              |  |  |
| Table Key                        | <b>NA</b> = Not applicable     |                                   | <b>b</b> = Parts per bil<br>micrograms pe |         | pCi/L =         |  | per liter (a meas                              | sure of                          |  |  |
| -                                | ND = Not detected              |                                   | g/L)                                      | J 1     |                 | ,,,,,                                    |  |                                  |  |  |
| AL Action Leve                   | l - The concentration of a con | staminant which if exceeded trigg | ners treatment of                         | or oth  | ar raduirar     | nents that a                             | water system n                                 | oust follow                      |  |  |

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#### Notes

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# ♦ Kingwood | TX1010348

Average Water Produced Daily
777
Million
Gallons

Total Hardness as CaCO3 (ppm)

78,000

Groundwater Source:

16 wells (Evangeline & Chicot Aquifers) at depths greater than 750 feet

121

138

106

| Highest Level Allewed  | Ideal Goal  | 2017 Detections   |                                |                                |  |  |
|--|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| (EPA's MCL)  | (EPA's MCL)   | Minimum   | Average                        | Maximum                        |  |  |
| Monitored at Wat   | er Plants   |   |                                |                                |  |  |
| 10   | 0   | ND  | 1.1                            | 2.8                            |  |  |
| 2  | 2 2 0.24 0.3  |   |                                |                                |  |  |
| 4  | 4   | 0.13  | 0.25                           | 0.53                           |  |  |
| 10   | 10  | ND  | 0.01                           | 0.04                           |  |  |
| 15   | 0   | ND  | 2.6                            | 5.6                            |  |  |
| 50   | 0   | ND  | 0.9                            | 4.4                            |  |  |
| 30   | 0   | ND  | 0.4                            | 2.1                            |  |  |
| 5  | 0   | ND  | 1.01                           |                                |  |  |
| 6  | 0   | ND  | 2.7                            |                                |  |  |
| Monitored in Distribution System                                 |   |   |                                |                                |  |  |
| 4.0 (MRDL)   | <4.0 (MRDLG)  | ļ <u>'</u>  | 2.5                            |                                |  |  |
| Yearly Average (LRAA) <60  | NA  | Highest LRAA: 2.7 ppb. Individual sample results range from <6.0 ppb (not detected) to 3.7 ppb.         |                                |                                |  |  |
| Yearly Average (LRAA) <80  | NA  | Highest LRAA: 6.8 ppb. Individual sample results range from <6.0 ppb (not detected) to 14.3 ppb.        |                                |                                |  |  |
| Presence of coliform bacteria in more than 5% of monthly samples | 0 (zero)<br>detections                                | 8.0% of monthly samples tested positive for coliform in July 2017 <sup>2</sup> and 3.95% in August 2017 |                                |                                |  |  |
| Monitored at Cust  | omer Tap  |   |                                |                                |  |  |
| AL = 90% below 15 ppm (TT)                                       | 0   |   | <u> </u>                       | 15 ppb                         |  |  |
| AL = 90% below 1.3 ppm (TT)                                      | 1.3   | 90% below 0.245 ppm<br>above 1.3 ppm  | ı. No sample                   |                                |  |  |
| Secondary Star   | ndards  |   |                                |                                |  |  |
| Recommended Level  | s (SMCL)  | Minimum   | Average                        | Maximum                        |  |  |
| 250  |   | 21  | 23                             | 27                             |  |  |
| 0.3  |   | ND  | 0.08                           | 0.13                           |  |  |
| 0.05   |   | 0.01  | 0.02                           | 0.05                           |  |  |
| 6.5 - 8.5  |   | 7.5   | 7.7                            | 7.9                            |  |  |
| 500  |   | 186   | 209                            | 236                            |  |  |
| ŀ  | Monitored at Wate 10 2 4 4 10 10 15 50 30 5 6.5 - 8.5 | Monitored at Water Plants   10  | Monitored at Water Plants   10 | Monitored at Water Plants   10 |  |  |

NA



| Unregulated<br>(units)             | d Contaminant   | Minimu | ım   | Average  | Unregulated Contaminant<br>(units) |  | Minimum                  | Average               | Maximum                  |     |                          |  |                  |  |                         |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |     |     |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|------|--|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|--|------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|-----|-----|
| Chromium                           | (ppb) 2014 <sup>1</sup>                               | ND     |      | 0.0  | Strontium (ppb) 2014 (1)           |  | Strontium (ppb) 2014 (1) |                       | Strontium (ppb) 2014 (1) |     | Strontium (ppb) 2014 (1) |  | n (ppb) 2014 (1) |  | trontium (ppb) 2014 (1) |  | Strontium (ppb) 2014 (1) |  | 191 | 350 |
| Hexavalent (ppb) 2013 <sup>1</sup> | Chromium  | ND     |      | 0.3  | Vanadium (ppb) 2013 (1)            |  |                          | ND                    | 0.5                      | 2.1 |                          |  |                  |  |                         |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |     |     |
| Molybdenur                         | m (ppb) 2014 <sup>1</sup>                             | ND     |      | 1.9  |                                    |  |                          |                       |                          |     |                          |  |                  |  |                         |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |     |     |
| Table Key                          | Table Key NA = Not applicable ppm = Parts per million |        |      | I fellere is exceeded as the contract of the c |                                    | r liter (a measu   | re of                    |                       |                          |     |                          |  |                  |  |                         |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |     |     |
|                                    | <b>ND</b> = Not detected                              |        | (mg/ | illigrams per lite<br>L)   | er or micrograms per liter (µg/L)  |  | radioactivity)           |                       |                          |     |                          |  |                  |  |                         |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |                          |  |     |     |
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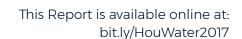
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2 Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct an assessment to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during the assessment.







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### District 82 | TX1011593

Average Water Produced Daily Gallons

Groundwater Source: 2 wells (Evangeline Aquifers) at depths greater than 750 feet

| Parameter/Substance (units)       |   | Highest Level Allowed  | k      | Ideal Goal                              | 2017 Detections   |         |          |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--------|---|---|---------|----------|--|
| (Sampled i                        | n 2017 unless noted)                      | (EPA's MCL)  |        | (EPA's MCL)                             | Minimum   | Average | Maximum  |  |
|                                   |   | Monitored at   | Wate   | er Plants                               |   |         |          |  |
| Barium (ppm                       | n) 2015 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2 2  |        |   |   | 0.2     |          |  |
| Fluoride (ppr                     | n) 2015 <sup>1</sup>                      | 4  |        | 4                                       |   | 0.1     |          |  |
| Nitrate (ppm                      | )   | 10   |        | 10                                      |   | 0.16    |          |  |
|                                   |   | Monitored in Dist  | tribut | tion System                             |   |         |          |  |
| Chlorine (Dis                     | infectant)                                | 4.0 (MRDL)   | <      | <4.0 (MRDLG)                            | 0.75  | 1.44    | 1.95     |  |
| Haloacetic A                      | cids (ppb)                                | Yearly Average (LRAA) <  | <60    | NA                                      | 2017 results - Location1 (DBP2-01): 1.1<br>ppb. Location 2 (DBP2-02): 1.8 ppb |         |          |  |
| Total Trihalor                    | omethanes (ppb) Yearly Average (LRAA) <80 |  |        | NA                                      | 2017 results - Location1 (DBP2-01): ND<br>Location 2 (DBP2-02): 10.4 ppb      |         |          |  |
| Coliform <sup>2</sup>             |   | Presence of coliform bacteria in more than 1 sample per month. 2 samples tested positive for coliform in February 2017². |        |   |   |         | ed       |  |
|                                   |   | Monitored at C   | Custo  | mer Tap                                 |   |         |          |  |
| Lead (ppb) 2016 <sup>1</sup>      |   | AL = 90% below 15 ppb (TT)   |        | 0                                       | 90% below 4.0 ppb. No sample above<br>15 ppb                                  |         |          |  |
| Copper (ppm                       | n) 2016 <sup>1</sup>                      | AL = 90% below 1.3 ppm (TT)  |        | 1.3                                     | 90% below 0.231 ppm. No sample above 1.3 ppm                                  |         |          |  |
|                                   |   | Secondary S  | Stan   | dards                                   |   |         |          |  |
| Paramete                          | er/Substance (units)                      | Recommended Levels (SMCL)  |        | (SMCL)                                  | Detection   |         |          |  |
| Chloride (pp                      | om) 2015 <sup>1</sup>                     | 250  | 0 15   |   |   |         |          |  |
| pH 2015 <sup>1</sup>              |   | 6.5 - 8.5  | 5      |   | 7.9   |         |          |  |
| Total Dissolv                     | 500                                       |  |        |   | 168   |         |          |  |
| Total Hardne<br>2015 <sup>1</sup> | ess as CaCO3 (ppm)                        | NA   |        |   |   | 110     |          |  |
| Table Key                         | <b>NA</b> = Not applicable                |  |        | Parts per billion<br>crograms per liter |   |         | asure of |  |
|                                   | ND = Not detected                         | or milligrams per liter or m<br>(mg/L) (µg/L   |        | Liogiairis pei iller                    | таспоасцуну   |         |          |  |

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2 Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct an assessment to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during the assessment. During the past year we were required to conduct one Level 1 assessment in February 2017. The Level 1 assessment was completed, and no corrective actions were required as a result of the assessment.

Average Water Produced Daily

**330,000**Gallons

Customers

4,400

Groundwater Source:

2 wells (Evangeline Aquifer)
at depths greater than 750 feet

| Parameter/Substance (units) |                                       | Highest Level Allowed                              |                           |              | Ideal Goal |   | 2017 Detections |         |      |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------|------------|---|-----------------|---------|------|--|--|
| (Sampled                    | l in 2017 unless noted)               | (EPA's MCL) (EPA's MC                              |                           | MCL)         | Mi         | nimum   | Average         | Maximum |      |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Monitored  | at Wa                     | ter Plants   | s          |   |                 |         |      |  |  |
| Arsenic (p                  | opb)                                  | 10 0 2.  |                           |              |            | 2.2   | 2.2             |         |      |  |  |
| Barium (p                   | opm)                                  | 2  |                           | 2            |            |   |                 | 0.26    |      |  |  |
| Fluoride (                  | (ppm)                                 | 4  |                           |              |            |   | 0.17            | 0.19    | 0.20 |  |  |
| Nitrate (p                  | pm)                                   | 10   |                           | 10           |            | (   | 0.01            | 0.03    | 0.04 |  |  |
| Selenium                    | n (ppb)                               | 50   |                           | 50           |            |   |                 | 4.0     |      |  |  |
| Gross Alp                   | ha (pCi/L)                            | 15   |                           | 0            |            | 2.0   |                 | 3.0     | 4.0  |  |  |
| Gross Bet                   | a (pCi/L)                             | 50   |                           | 0            |            | ND  |                 | 2.7     | 5.4  |  |  |
| Combine                     | ed Uranium (ppb)                      | 30   |                           | 0            |            |   | 1.7             | 2.4     | 3.1  |  |  |
|                             | Monitored in Distribution System      |  |                           |              |            |   |                 |         |      |  |  |
| Chlorine                    | (Disinfectant)                        | 4.0 (MRDL)   |                           | <4.0 (MRDLG) |            | 1.06  |                 | 1.45    | 1.95 |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Monitored a  | at Cust                   | tomer Ta     | р          |   |                 |         |      |  |  |
| Lead (ppl                   | 0)                                    | AL = 90% below 15 pp                               | b (TT)                    | 0            |            | 90% below 3.31 ppb. One sample above 15 ppb at 20.9 ppb |                 |         |      |  |  |
| Copper (p                   | opm)                                  | AL = 90% below 1.3 pp                              | m (TT)                    | 1.3          |            | 90% below 0.126ppm. No sample above 1.3 ppm             |                 |         |      |  |  |
|                             |                                       | Seconda  | ry Sta                    | ndards       |            |   |                 |         |      |  |  |
| Parame                      | ter/Substance (units)                 | Recommended Le                                     | vels (S                   | MCL)         |            | Detection   |                 |         |      |  |  |
| Chloride (                  | ppm)                                  | 250  |                           |              | 19         |   | 2               | 1       | 23   |  |  |
| Iron (ppm                   | n)                                    | 0.3  |                           |              |            |   | (               | 0.05    |      |  |  |
| рН                          |                                       | 6.5 - 8.5  | 5                         |              | 7.         | .6 7.9  |                 | 9       | 8.1  |  |  |
| Sulfate (p                  | pm)                                   | 250  |                           |              | 4          | <b>′</b> +  | 4.5             | 5       | 5    |  |  |
| Total Disso                 | olved Solids (ppm)                    | 500  |                           |              | 18         | 38  |                 |         | 191  |  |  |
| Total Hard                  | lness as CaCO3 (ppm)                  | NA   |                           |              |            |   | Ç               | 94.9    |      |  |  |
| Table Key                   | NA = Not applicable ND = Not detected | ppm = Parts per million<br>or milligrams per liter | Parts per b<br>rograms pe |              |            |   |                 |         |      |  |  |

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 $(\mu q/L)$ 

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Average Water Produced Daily 170,000 Gallons

Customers

Water Sources:

96% Purchased Water from City of Humble, TX 1010014 (Surface and Groundwater)

4% Groundwater from Belleauwoods Wells (1 wells at depths greater than 750 ft. - Evangeline Aquifer)

| Parameter/Substance (units)<br>(Sampled in 2017 unless noted) |                                      | Highest Level Allowed          |             | Ideal Goal<br>(EPA's MCL) | 2017 Detections  |                |         |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|---------|--|--|
|   |                                      | (EPA's MCL                     | (EPA's MCL) |                           | Minimum  | Average        | Maximum |  |  |
|   |                                      | Monitore                       | d at Wat    | er Plants                 |  |                |         |  |  |
| Barium (p   | pm) 2015 <sup>1</sup>                | 2 2                            |             |                           | 0.3  |                |         |  |  |
| Nitrate (p  | pm)                                  | 10                             |             | 10                        |  | 0.56           |         |  |  |
| Selenium  | (ppb) 2015 <sup>1</sup>              | 50                             |             | 50                        |  | 3.3            |         |  |  |
|   |                                      | Monitored in                   | n Distribu  | ution System              |  |                |         |  |  |
| Chlorine (  | Disinfectant)                        | 4.0 (MRDL)                     | )           | <4.0 (MRDLG)              | 0.52   | 1.16           | 1.95    |  |  |
| Haloacetio  | c Acids (ppb)                        | Yearly Average (LR             | AA) <60     | NA                        | Highest LRAA: 11.6 ppb. Individual sample res<br>range from 5.2 ppb to 10.5 ppb. |                |         |  |  |
| Total Triha   | alomethanes (ppb)                    | Yearly Average (LR             | AA) <80     | NA                        | Highest LRAA: 17.9 ppl<br>range from 6.2 ppb to                                  | mple results   |         |  |  |
| Monitored at Customer Tap                                     |                                      |                                |             |                           |  |                |         |  |  |
| Lead (ppb   | b) 2016 <sup>1</sup>                 | AL = 90%<br>below 15 ppb       | (TT)        | 0                         | 90% below 2.0 ppb<br>No sample above 15 ppb                                      |                |         |  |  |
| Copper (p   | ppm) 2016 <sup>1</sup>               | AL = 90%<br>below 1.3 ppm      | (TT)        | 1.3                       | 90% bel<br>No sample   |                |         |  |  |
|   |                                      | Second                         | dary Sta    | ndards                    |  |                |         |  |  |
| Param   | eter/Substance (units)               | Recommended Levels (SMCL)      |             |                           | Detection (results based on a single sample)                                     |                |         |  |  |
| Chloride (  | ppm) 2014 <sup>1</sup>               | 250                            |             |                           | 53   |                |         |  |  |
| Iron (ppm   | n) 2015 <sup>1</sup>                 | 0.3                            |             |                           | 0.27   |                |         |  |  |
|   | se (ppm) 2015 <sup>1</sup>           | 0.05                           |             |                           | 0.07   |                |         |  |  |
| pH 2014 <sup>1</sup>  |                                      | 6.!                            | 6.5 - 8.5   |                           |  | 7.3            |         |  |  |
| Total Disso   | olved Solids (ppm) 2014 <sup>1</sup> | !                              | 500         |                           |  | 251            |         |  |  |
| Total Hard<br>2015 <sup>1</sup>                               | dness as CaCO3 (ppm)                 |                                | NA          |                           |  | 134            |         |  |  |
| Table Key   | <b>NA</b> = Not applicable           | <b>ppm</b> = Parts per million |             | erts per billion          |  |                |         |  |  |
|   | ND = Not detected                    | (mg/L)                         |             |                           |  | radioactivity) |         |  |  |

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### **Contaminant Sources**

| Arsenic                          | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes                    |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Asbestos                         | Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of asbestos-cement water lines   |
| Atrazine                         | Runoff from herbicide used on row crops   |
| Barium                           | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits                                |
| Chlorine and Chloramines         | Water additives used to control microbes  |
| Combined Radium                  | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Combined Uranium                 | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Copper                           | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits  |
| Cyanide                          | Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories                                     |
| Di(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate (ppb) | Discharge from rubber and chemical factories  |
| Ethylbenzene                     | Discharge from petroleum refineries   |
| Endrin                           | Residue of banned insecticide   |
| Fluoride                         | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Gross Alpha                      | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Gross Beta                       | Decay of natural and man-made deposits  |
| Lead                             | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits  |
| Nitrate / Nitrite                | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits                               |
| Selenium                         | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines                          |
| Simazine                         | Herbicide runoff  |
| Toluene                          | Discharge from petroleum, plastics, paint, and pharmaceutical manufacturing   |
| Total Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)    | By-product of drinking water disinfection   |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)    | By-product of drinking water disinfection   |
| Turbidity                        | Soil runoff   |
| Xylenes                          | Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories   |

**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 were found.

**MCL** Maximum Contaminant Level - 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.

MCLG Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - 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.

**SMCL** Secondary Maximum Contaminant Limit - National Secondary Drinking Water Standards are non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may

cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects in drinking water. The EPA recommends secondary standards but does not require systems to comply with these limits.



