

# The Water We Drink

## GRETNA WATERWORKS

Public Water Supply ID: LA1051003

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2018. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day (Este informe contiene informaci6n muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source(s) are listed below:

Source Name	Source Water Type	Source Water Body Name
SURFACE WATER RAW INTAKE	Surface Water	MISSISSIPPI RIVER

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 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:

**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 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.

**Radioactive Contaminants** - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'HIGH'. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

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. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact Gretna Waterworks at 504-363-1540.

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. GRETNA WATERWORKS 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](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2017. 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.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Treatment Technique (TT) - an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant.

Action level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL) -the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is 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.

Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG)-the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. 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 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 the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Level 1 assessment -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.

Level 2 Assessment -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.

**During the period covered by this report we had below noted violations of drinking water regulations.  
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2018**

Our water system tested a minimum of 20 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

Disinfectant	Date	Highest RAA	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
CHLORAMINES	2018	2.48	ppm	0.53-3.37	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	1/30/2018	0.049	0.049	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from
ATRAZINE	10/2/2018	0.098	0.098	ppb	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
FLUORIDE	1/30/2018	0.64	0.64	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive
HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE	10/2/2018	0.052	0.044-0.052	ppb	50	50	Discharge from chemical factories
NITRATE-NITRITE	1/30/2018	1.3	1.3	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity	3/25/2018	0.43	0.03-0.43	NTU	0.3	0	Soil Runoff

Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED URANIUM	2/22/2017	1.3	1.3	µg/l	30	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Lead and Copper	Date	90TH Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2015 - 2017	0.2	0.1- 0.5	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2015 - 2017	2	1-12	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC	FREDERICHS AT WHITNEY	2018	49	30.1-67.5	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water distribution
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	GRETNA BLVD AT CREAGAN	2018	51	35.3-68.4	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	GRETNA LAB TAP	2018	53	33.8-71.4	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	VIGIL AT THEARD	2018	44	31.5-56.8	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TIHM	FREDERICHS AT WHITNEY	2018	57	27.9-84.4	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TIHM	GRETNA BLVD AT CREAGAN	2018	68	32.2-82.5	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TIHM	GRETNA LAB TAP	2018	64	30.6-83.5	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TIHM	VIGIL AT THEARD	2018	56	30.7-83	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
IRON	1/30/2018	0.037	0.037	MG/L	0.3
CHLORIDE	1/27/2016	16.5	16.5	MG/L	250
PH	1/27/2016	7.4	7.4	SU	8.5
SULFATE	1/27/2016	28.5	28.5	MG/L	250
MANGANESE	1/30/2018	0.0028	0.0028	MG/L	0.05

During a routine sanitary survey conducted in 2018 at the Gretna Waterworks system the following deficiencies were identified.

- 1/10/2018 Distribution System Code – CC17 Activity – IESWTR ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES Due Date – 8/14/2019 Description – LAC 51:XII.344 – Protection of Water Supply/Containment Practices
- 1/10/2018 Distribution System Code – CC11 Activity – IESWTR ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES Due Date – 8/14/2019 Description – LAC 51:XII.343.A – No Physical Connection with Non-Potable Source

+++++EnvironmentalProtectionAgencyRequiredHealthEffectsLanguage+++++

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. EPA/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 (800-426-4791).

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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### Additional Information

## *Cryptosporidium* Data

The Gretna Waterworks has been conducting additional testing (EPA Study) on its source water supply for a currently nonregulated contaminant "Cryptosporidium". The current results indicate that there is no Health Problems or Concerns associated with our water (Extremely Minimal or No Detection), however, it is required that this information be included with the CCR even though it is currently not regulated are most likely never will be. Results as follows:

Month: 1/3/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l +/- 0.0  
 2/6/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l +/- 0.0

3/6/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l +/- 0.0  
 4/3/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l +/- 0.0  
 5/8/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l +/- 0.0  
 6/5/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l +/- 0.0  
 7/10/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l 0.0  
 8/7/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l 0.0  
 9/11/18 Cryptosporidium result: Total (Oo)cysts/l 0.0

Cryptosporidium is a microbial parasite found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most common filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease.

Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

## UCMR DATA COLLECTED

<p>Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by USEPA. The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help USEPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard.</p>				
Unregulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Average Concentration	Range	Unit
bromide	1/22/2018	58.6	49.1 - 74.7	µg/l
total organic carbon	10/8/2018	3173	2800 - 3520	µg/l
manganese	1/22/2018	2.3	1.3 - 4	µg/l
1-butanol	1/22/2018	0.6	0 - 2.5	µg/l
HAA5	10/8/2018	49.1	32.44 - 61.4	µg/l
HAA6Br	1/22/2018	13.2	10 - 24.7	µg/l
HAA9	10/8/2018	55.7	43.5 - 74	µg/l