# 2020 Water Quality Report for Marion County Rural Water District

This report explains the quality of drinking water in our system. The source of our water is ground water. All of the water distributed is purchased from Knoxville Water Works and Pleasantville Water Works. Our water quality testing with results are found below, as well as, tips on how to interpret the data:

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Compliance		Date	Violation	Source
			Type	Value & (Range)			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80	(N/A)	LRAA	3.00 (ND - 6)	9/30/2020	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	90 <sup>th</sup>	0.0713 (0.0053 – 0.785)	2018	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	AL=15	0	90 <sup>th</sup>	4.20 (ND – 12)	2018	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
950 – DISTRIBUT	ION SYSTEM	– KNOXVILLE					
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0	MRDLG=4.0	RAA	3.2 (2.6 – 4.4)	12/31/2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes
951 – DISTRIBUT	ION SYSTEM	– PLEASANTVI	LLE				
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0	MRDLG=4.0	RAA	2.6 (1.9 – 3.7)	12/31/2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLFs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb parts per billion
- ppm parts per million
- pCi/L picocuries per liter
- N/A Not applicable
- ND Not detected
- RAA Running Annual Average
- IDSE Initial Distribution System Evaluation
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- SGL Single Sample Result
- RTCR Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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).

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. The Marion County Rural Water District 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 <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a>.

### SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

System Original Supply ID

Knoxville Water Works IA6342036 Pleasantville Water Works IA6377046

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact Marion County Rural Water District at 641-842-3304.

### PURCHASED WATER INFORMATION

Our water system purchases water from the systems shown below. Their water quality is as follows:

## 6342036 - KNOXVILLE WATER WORKS

CONTAMINANT	MCL	MCLG	COMPLIANCE		DATE	VIOLATION	SOURCE
			Туре	Value & (Range)		Yes/No	
01 FINISHED WATE	R AFTER TRE	EATMENT					
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15	0	SGL	5.2	7/8/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	SGL	1.2	7/17/2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	SGL	155.000	1/9/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
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Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15	0	SGL	8.1	4/2/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	RAA	2.7 (2.4 - 3.1)	6/30/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	SGL	187	4/27/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10	10	SGL	0.700	4/27/2020	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natura