



CITY OF SUMTER

2023 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

System No. 4310001



The City of Sumter is pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report). This report is designed to provide details and to assure you that the water is both safe and dependable. Your water source is ground water from deep wells. These wells draw water from the Black Creek & Middendorf Aquifers. The water is then treated in a "treatment train" that can include coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection.

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Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) contaminants are used to evaluate and prioritize contaminants on the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List, a list of contaminants EPA is considering for possible new drinking water standards. Data collected through the monitoring of these contaminants will help to ensure that future decisions on drinking water standards are based on sound science. Not all systems are required to monitor for these contaminants.

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INORGANIC CHEMICALS						
Nitrate {measured as nitrogen} (ppm)	10	10	4.000	No	2021	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	3.40	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Radioactive Contaminants						
Radioactive Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	HIGHEST DETECTED LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
Combined Radium 226/228 (pCi/L)	0	5	0.360	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha, Excl. Radon & Uranium (pCi/L)	0	15	1.120	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta/ photon emitters (mrem/yr)	0	4	3.880	No	2021	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
DISINFECTANTS / DISINFECTION BY PRODUCTS						
DISINFECTANTS / DISINFECTION BY PRODUCTS	MCLG	MCL	HIGHEST DETECTED LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
Chlorine(ppm)	MRDLG= 4	MRDL= 4	1.00	No	2023	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHM (ppb)	N/A	80	5.00	No	2023	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	1.00	No	2023	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
LEAD & COPPER						
LEAD & COPPER	ACTION LEVEL	90 TH PERCENTILE	NUMBER OF SITES OVER ACTION LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.048	0	No	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (ppb)	15	0.41	0	No	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

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DISINFECTANTS & DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCTS						
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Lead (ppb)	15	0.46	0	No	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING						
	ACTION LEVEL		HIGHEST DETECTED LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
Sodium(ppm)	N/A		42.000	No	2021	Secondary Standard, Non- Enforceable Guideline

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Barium(ppm)	2	2	0.094	No	2020	Erosion of mineral deposits
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DISINFECTANTS & DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCTS						
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Chlorine(ppm)	MRDLG= 4	MRDL = 4	.6000	No	2023	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	1.000	No	2023	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	N/A	80	1.200	No	2023	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
LEAD & COPPER						
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Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.0073	0	No	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
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Combined radium (pCi/l)	0	5	2.05	No	2023	Erosion of Natural Deposits.
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DISINFECTANTS/ DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG= 4	MRDL= 4	1.0	No	2023	Water additive used to control microbes.
TTHM (ppb)	No goal for total	80	20.0	No	2023	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
LEAD & COPPER						
Copper (ppm)	ACTION LEVEL	90TH PERCENTILE	NUMBER OF SITES OVER ACTION LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.074	0	No	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead (ppb)	15	0.52	0	No	2022	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
VOLITILE ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS						
Chlorobenzene(ppm)	ACTION LEVEL		HIGHEST DETECTED LEVEL	VIOLATION YES/NO	YEAR SAMPLED	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
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INORGANIC CHEMICALS						
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen) (ppm)	10	10	4.1000	No	2023	Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks
Combined Radium 226/228 (pCi/L)	0	5	4.7100	No	2022	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Beta/photon emitters (mrem/yr)	0	4	7.4100	No	2022	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Gross alpha excl. radon and uranium (pCi/L)	0	15	2.6400	No	2022	Erosion of natural deposits.
SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICALS INCLUDING PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES						
Dibromochloropropane (ppb)	MCLG 0	MCL 0	HIGHEST DETECTED LEVEL 0.0270	VIOLATION YES/NO No	YEAR SAMPLED 2022	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans and cotton.
VOLITILE ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS						
1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	MCLG 0	MCL 5	HIGHEST LEVEL DETECTED .89000	VIOLATION YES/NO No	YEAR SAMPLED 2022	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT Discharge from industrial chemical factories.
DISINFECTANTS						
Chlorine(ppm)	MCLG MRDLG= 4	MCL MRDL= 4	HIGHEST DETECTED LEVEL 1.0000	VIOLATION YES/NO No	YEAR SAMPLED 2023	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	No Goal for total	60	1.0352	No	2022	By-product of drinking water disinfection
LEAD & COPPER						
Copper (ppm)	ACTION LEVEL 1.3	90TH PERCENTILE 0.018	NUMBER OF SITES OVER ACTION LEVEL 0	VIOLATION YES/NO No	YEAR SAMPLED 2021	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (ppb)	15	0.73	0	No	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

In this table 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:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) - one part per trillion corresponds to a single penny in \$10,000,000,000

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

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" is 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.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risks to health. MCLGs 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.