



## 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

### Hudson Water Works Inc.

**P W S # 651-2226**

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water source is 25 wells drawing from the Floridian Aquifer. Our only form of treatment is chlorination for disinfection.

#### **This report shows our water quality results and what they mean.**

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Durwood Horak at (727) 868-1382. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend our annual meeting. It is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January each year. A notice will be sent in December of the prior year as to the location.

*A copy of this report can be obtained at our office upon request, or can be mailed to customers only upon request.*

Hudson Water Works routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2020. Data obtained before January 1, 2020 and is presented in this report, are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

**In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of 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 or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**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.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**“ND”:** means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

**Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l):** one part by weight of analyte to one million parts by weight of the water sample.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (ug/l):** one part by weight of analyte to one billion parts by weight of the water sample.

**Picocurie per liter (pCi/l):** measure of the radioactivity in water.

**MFL (millions fibers per liter- asbestos):** measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micro meters.

**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 system.

**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 in our water system on multiple occasions.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant woman and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Hudson Water Works 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 take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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.

## **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic tanks, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) 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.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) 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.
- (E) 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, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public Health. 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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for your understanding.

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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791.

We at Hudson Water Works would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and to protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.

## Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant and unit of measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Asbestos (mfl)	02/20	n	2.2		0	7	Decay of asbestos cement water mains ; erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb)	02/20	N	0.1	N/A	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium (ppm)	02/20	N	0.00544	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries ; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	02/20	N	0.51	N/A	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	02/20	N	0.069	N/A	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Nickel (ppb)	02/20	N	2.03	N/A	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil.
Sodium (ppm)	02/20	N	50.3	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil.
Nitrate (ppm)	02/06/20	N	1.3	N/A	10	10	Run off from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

## Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

For bromate, chloramines, or chlorine, the level detected is the highest running annual average (RAA), computed quarterly, of monthly averages of all samples collected. For halo acetic acids or TTHM, the level detected is the highest RAA, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples collected if the system is monitoring quarterly or is the average of all samples taken during the year if the system monitors less frequently than quarterly. Range of results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations, including Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE) results as well as Stage 1 compliance results.

Disinfectant or Contaminant and unit of measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./ Yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	1/20-12/20	N	1.34	0	4.0	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethane (ppb)	10/07/20	N	32.6	29.1-32.6 ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Halo acetic Acids (ppb)	10/07/20	N	6.8	4.2-6.8 ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection

**Due to not exceeding the MCL for Disinfection By-Products we will not be switching to Chloramines.**

## Lead and Copper (Tap Water)

Contaminant and unit of measurement.	Dates of Sampling (mo./Yr.)	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper(Tap Water) (ppm)	07/27/20-08/05/20	N	0.288 ppm	0	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing system. Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead(Tap Water) (ppb)	07/27/20-08/05/20	N	8.52 ppb	0	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing. Erosion of natural deposits.

In 2020 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are 7 potential sources of contamination identified for this system with low concern levels. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program Website at <https://fldep.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/> or they can be obtained from Hudson Water Works Inc. by calling 727-868-1382.

**“Please DO NOT FLUSH** your unused or unwanted medications down toilets or sinks drains. For more information, go to

[http:// www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications/pages/disposal.htm.](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications/pages/disposal.htm)”