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2023 Water Quality Report

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This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water (for January 1 to December 31, 2023) and the efforts made by the City of Jacksonville water system to provide safe drinking water.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

A Source Water Assessment Fact Sheet has been prepared by the Illinois EPA in cooperation with the US Geological Survey for the City of Jacksonville. The source of drinking water used by the City of Jacksonville is ground water under the direct influence of surface water.

Drinking water for the City of Jacksonville is supplied by the Jacksonville community water supply (CWS). Two lakes and three wells act as the source of this drinking water.

Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supplies to be susceptible to potential pollution problems; hence, the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Mandatory treatment includes coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Causes of pollution to the lake include nutrients, siltation, suspended solids, and organic enrichment. Primary sources of pollution include agricultural runoff, land disposal (septic systems), and shoreline erosion.

Potential sources of contamination are also located near the well sites. Due to the presence of potential sources and the unconfined nature of the wells, Illinois EPA considers these wells to be susceptible to contamination. The Illinois EPA provides minimum protection zones of 400 feet for Jacksonville's wells. In 1991, the City of Jacksonville enacted a Maximum Setback Zone Ordinance providing for additional protection out to a distance of 2,500 feet from the wellhead.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. 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 that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health

effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

CHARACTERISTICS OF DRINKING WATER

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 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:

- 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 may be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water 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 storm water 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 storm water runoff and septic systems; and
- Radioactive contaminants, which may be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

City of Jacksonville (IL1370200) Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2023 (collected in 2023 unless noted)

Coliform Bacteria							
MCL - Coliform	MCLG	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest Number of Positive	MCL- Fecal Coli-form or E-Coli	Violation ?	Total # Positive E-Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Likely Source of Contaminant
Monthly Samples	0		0	0	No	0	Naturally present in the environment

Lead & Copper (Collection Date 08/01/2023)

	Lead Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over (AL)	MCLG	Units	Violation ?	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead **	15	0	0	0	ug/L	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper **	1.3	0.0047	0	1.3	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems

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 City of Jacksonville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in your drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, contact the Water Plant at 217-479-4660. 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>.

Regulated Contaminants	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Violation?	Likely Source of Contaminant
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Some contaminants may include raw water data from emergency backup wells.

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products

Free Chlorine	1.2	0 - 2	ppm	MRDLG = 4	MRDL=4	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	16	12.1 - 23.6	ppb	No goal for total	60	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	67	41 - 82.6	ppb	No goal for total	80	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Inorganic Contaminants	(Sodium is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state has set an MCL for supplies serving a population of 1,000 or more.)
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Barium	0.011	0.011 - 0.011	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	0.6	0.57 - 0.57	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate(measured as Nitrogen)	1	1.4 - 1.4	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	35	35 - 35	ppm			No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used in water softener regeneration

Total Organic Carbon	The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set , unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.
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In 2021, our Public Water Supply was sampled as part of the State of Illinois PFAS Statewide Investigation. Eighteen PFAS compounds were sampled, and none were detected in our finished drinking water. For more information about PFAS health advisories visit <http://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/pfas/Pages/pfas-healthadvisory.aspx>

Turbidity	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination	
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	0.3 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff	Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.
Highest single measurement	1 NTU	0.091 NTU	No	Soil Runoff	

Radioactive Contaminants	UNTREATED SOURCE WATER
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Combined Radium 226/228 (sample date 04/06/23)	1.71	1.31 - 1.71	pCi/L	0	5	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha (Excluding Radon & Uranium) (sample date 04/06/23)	3.67	0 - 3.67	pCi/L	0	15	No	Erosion of natural deposits

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please call Ricky Hearin, Superintendent of Operations, at (217)479-4660. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.p1>. Source Water Information - Intake (52123) Lake Mauvaisterre Intake, Water type SW, Report Status good, 600 ft SE WTP, Well (52120) Local #1,2,3 Ranney Collector Well, IL River, Water type GU, Report Status good, Naples IL.

***The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old.

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. **NTU:** The amount of turbidity in a water sample as measured by a nephelometric turbidimeter.

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.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **pCi/L:** Picocuries per liter - a measure of radioactivity.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety. **mrem:** millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): 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. **Na:** Not applicable

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ppm: Milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. **ppb:** Micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. **ug/L:** Parts per billion.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of 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.