

2023 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Information

Water System Name: City of Greenfield

Report Date: May 24, 2024

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: Groundwater Wells

Name and General Location of Source(s): Wells #1 and 6 are located near the intersection of 14th Street and Cherry Avenue; Well #7 is located near the intersection of El Camino Real and Cherry Avenue.

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: Drinking Water Source Assessments were conducted in July 2001 for Wells #1 and #6; both wells were found to be potentially vulnerable to contamination from irrigated crops, specifically vineyards. Well #1 was found to be potentially vulnerable to contamination from fertilizers and pesticide/herbicide applications. A Drinking Water Source Assessment was conducted in February 2007 for Well #7 and the well was found to be potentially vulnerable to contamination from gas stations and chemical/petroleum processing and storage.

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: City of Greenfield City Council meetings are held at 6:00PM on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 599 El Camino Real in the City Council's Chambers. Occasionally, special meetings are called to address issues of public interest that need immediate attention. The times and locations for these special meetings will be posted in front of City Hall in the public bulletin board.

For More Information, Contact: City of Greenfield's Public Works Department via (831) 674-2635 or publicworks@ci.greenfield.ca.us.

About This Report

We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023 and may include earlier monitoring data.

Importance of This Report Statement in Five Non-English Languages (Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Hmong)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse City of Greenfield a PO Box 127, Greenfield, CA 93927 o (831) 674-2635 para asistirlo en español.

这份报告含有关于您的饮用水的重要讯息。请用以下地址和电话联系 City of Greenfield 以获得中文的帮助: PO Box 127, Greenfield, CA 93927, (831) 674-2635.

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Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Xin vui lòng liên hệ City of Greenfield tại PO Box 127, Greenfield, CA 93927, (831) 674-2635 để được hỗ trợ giúp bằng tiếng Việt.

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Terms Used in This Report

Term	Definition
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 water 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 <i>E. coli</i> MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
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 are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
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.
Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS)	MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
Public Health Goal (PHG)	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.
Regulatory Action Level (AL)	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS)	MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.
Treatment Technique (TT)	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Variances and Exemptions	Permissions from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.
ND	Not detectable at testing limit.
ppm	parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
ppt	parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
ppq	parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

Sources of Drinking Water and Contaminants that May Be Present in Source 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, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that 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, that 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, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Regulation of Drinking Water and Bottled Water Quality

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA and the State Board prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

About Your Drinking Water Quality

Drinking Water Contaminants Detected

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State Board allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old. Any violation of an AL, MCL, MRDL, or TT is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

Table 1. Sampling Results Showing the Detection of Coliform Bacteria

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
<i>E. coli</i>	(In the year) 0	0	(a)	0	Human and animal fecal waste

^(a) Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is *E. coli*-positive or system fails to take repeat samples following *E. coli*-positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for *E. coli*.

Table 2. Sampling Results Showing the Detection of Lead and Copper

Lead and Copper	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90 th Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	August 2023	33	0.8	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	August 2023	33	0.102	0	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Table 3. Sampling Results for Sodium and Hardness

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	01/18/2023 12/27/2023	45.4	25 – 78	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	01/18/2023 12/27/2023	304.8	236 – 379	None	None	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

Table 4. Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Antimony (ppb)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	0.10	ND – 0.2	6	1	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic (ppb)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	1.97	1.3 – 2.3	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	0.04663	0.0331 – 0.0611	1	2	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	2023 (various)	1.03	0.18 – 1.61	[4.0]	[4]	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment

Total Chromium (ppb)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	3.67	2.6 – 4.5	50	(100)	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	0.17	0.1 – 0.2	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	1/19/2021 1/11/2022	3.98	1.42 – 7.30	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppb)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	3.07	1.9 – 3.7	100	12	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories
Nitrate as N – Distribution (ppm)	2023 (various)	2.35	1.1 – 3.6	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate as N – Wells (ppm)	2023 (various)	3.35	1.0 – 6.9			
Radium 226 (pCi/L)	03/15/2016 03/26/2019 01/11/2022	0.30	ND – 0.66	5	0.05	Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	2.80	2.5 – 3.3	50	30	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots (feed additive)
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	07/18/2023	19	ND – 38	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Uranium (pCi/L)	10/19/2021 01/11/2022	5.47	3.6 – 7.8	20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits

Table 5. Detection of Contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	01/18/2023 12/27/2023	51.5	22 – 85	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Manganese (ppb)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	1.67	ND – 5.0	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits
MBAS – Foaming Agents (ppb)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	10	ND – 20	500	N/A	Municipal and industrial waste discharges
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	01/11/2022 01/18/2023	874.7	677 – 1,143	1,600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	01/18/2023 12/27/2023	145.2	95 – 242	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids – TDS (ppm)	01/18/2023 12/27/2023	494.4	370 – 696	1,000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits

Table 6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects
Boron (ppm)	12/27/2023	0.13	ND – 0.3	1	Boron exposures resulted in decreased fetal weight (developmental effects) in newborn rats.
Bromide (ppm)	01/11/2023 01/18/2023	0.23	0.1 – 0.4	N/A	N/A
Chlorate – Distribution (ppb)	6/17/2014	86.7	ND – 150	800	Animal studies demonstrated that chlorate exposure in rats caused adverse effects to the pituitary and thyroid glands.
Hexavalent Chromium – Distribution (ppb)	6/17/2014	1.9	1.8 – 2.0	1	Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Molybdenum – Distribution (ppb)	6/17/2014	23.7	13 – 31	N/A	N/A
Potassium (ppm)	01/18/2023 12/27/2023	3.42	3.3 – 3.7	N/A	N/A
Strontium – Distribution (ppb)	6/17/2014	663.3	430 – 820	N/A	N/A
Vanadium – Distribution (ppb)	6/17/2014	13.7	13 – 14	50	Vanadium exposures resulted in developmental and reproductive effects in rats.
Bromochloroacetic Acid – BCAA – Distribution (ppb)	10/9/2018	0.13	ND – 0.51	N/A	N/A
Dibromoacetic Acid – DBAA – Distribution (ppb)	10/9/2018	2.5	1.1 – 5.5	N/A	N/A

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¹ There is currently no MCL for hexavalent chromium. The previous MCL of 0.010 mg/L was withdrawn on September 11, 2017. The formal rulemaking process to establish the MCL of 0.010 mg/L was started on August 2, 2023.

Additional General Information on Drinking Water

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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. U.S. EPA/Centers

for Disease Control (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 (1-800-426-4791).

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. City of Greenfield 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 do so, you may wish to collect the flushed water and reuse it for another beneficial purpose, such as watering plants. 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/L is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant’s blood to carry oxygen, resulting in serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity.

Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, or Monitoring and Reporting Requirement

Table 7. Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT or Monitoring Reporting Requirement

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
Distribution Chlorine Residual Less than 0.20 ppm	During a routine bacteriological sampling event, the field chlorine residual recorded by the sampler for one sample location was less than 0.20 ppm, which is the minimum chlorine residual allowed by law.	All other chlorine residuals recorded were within normal levels.	Staff continued to monitor chlorine residuals daily.	Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.

Summary Information for Revised Total Coliform Rule Level 1 and Level 2 Assessment Requirements

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problem that were found during these assessments.

During the past year we were required to conduct one Level 1 assessment; one Level 1 assessment was completed. In addition, we were required to take three corrective actions and we completed all of these actions.