

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 infection. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. 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 at 1-800-426-4791.



**Lead in Drinking Water**

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. SWLCWSD 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 in the line 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 [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

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

**DSMRT (Distribution System Maximum Residence Time):** An active point in the distribution system where the water has been in the system the longest.

**EPTDS (Entry Point to the Distribution System):** Sampling point at the water treatment facility where the water enters the distribution system.

<: A symbol which means 'less than'. A result of "<5" means that the lowest level detected was 5 and the contaminant in that sample was not detected.

**MCL (Maximum Contamination Level):** The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to MCLG's possible, using the best available treatment technology.

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

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level):** The highest residual disinfectant level allowed.

**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal):** The level of residual disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MRDLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**N/A (Non-Applicable):** Does not apply to the item.

**pCi/l (picocuries per liter):** A common measure of radioactivity.

**ppb (parts per billion):** or micrograms per liter, are units of measure for the concentration of a contaminant. A ppb is equivalent to 1 second in 31.7 years.

**ppm (parts per million):** or milligrams per liter, are units of measure for the concentration of a contaminant. A ppm is equivalent to 1 second in a little over 11.5 days.

**Public Water System:** A water system with 15 or more service connections or which regularly serves 25 people 60 days out of a year.

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Public participation and comments are encouraged at Board Meetings which are held at the District Office the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted on the website.

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The EPA approves the District to operate a public water system under license #OH-4505412. In 2023, we had an unconditioned license to operate our water system.

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For billing inquiries, please call 740-927-0410.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

District Inspectors are on-call 24 hours a day for emergencies.

**2023  
 CONSUMER  
 CONFIDENCE  
 REPORT**



The Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District has prepared this report to provide information on the quality of water supplied to our customers between January 1 and December 31, 2023. This report is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this report, please contact Chad Sims ~ Water System Supervisor at 740-927-0410, extension 303.

## Source Water Information

Presently, the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District operates one water treatment facility located at 8675 York Road, which serves Etna Township, Harrison Township, and portions of the City of Pataskala. The treatment facility is capable of producing three (3) million gallons per day. Groundwater is drawn from six wells located adjacent to the treatment facility. The groundwater is treated with chlorine to oxidize iron and manganese for removal by pressure filtration followed by nano-filtration to remove calcium/magnesium (hardness). Chlorine is then added to the treated water to protect against possible contamination from outside sources. Fluoride is added to the filtered water to add to the already naturally occurring fluoride in the ground water to meet the minimum fluoride levels as required by state law. The water system has two (1,000,000 gallons) elevated water storage tanks and one (400,000 gallon) tank to provide system pressure and water storage capacity for fire protection.

For emergency purposes, such as line breaks or droughts, the District also has three emergency connections with Fairfield County Utilities, Jefferson Water and Sewer District and the City of Pataskala. During 2023, the District did not receive any water from the emergency connections. If you have any questions regarding the water quality from these connections, a copy of their CCR can be obtained by contacting:

Fairfield County Utilities Consumer Confidence Report  
[www.co.fairfield.oh.us](http://www.co.fairfield.oh.us)

Jefferson Water and Sewer District's  
 Consumer Confidence Report  
[www.jwsd.org](http://www.jwsd.org)

City of Pataskala Consumer Confidence Report  
[www.cityofpataskalaohio.gov](http://www.cityofpataskalaohio.gov)

The Ohio EPA completed a study of the District's source of drinking water to identify potential contaminant sources and provide guidance on protecting the drinking water source. This study concluded; the aquifer (water-rich zone) has a high susceptibility to contamination. This conclusion was based on the following criteria:

- The lack of a protective layer of clay overlying the aquifer
- The shallow depth (less than 10 feet below ground surface) of the aquifer
- The presence of significant potential contaminant sources in the protection area

## Health Information

More information about the source water assessment or what consumers can do to protect the aquifer is available by contacting Christopher (CJ) Gilcher ~ Operations Director at 740-928-2178, extension 225.

The sources of drinking water, both taps and bottles, 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:

- **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 and farming
- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile 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
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agricultural and residential uses and runoff, and urban storm water.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring in the ground, or the result of oil and gas production and mining.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (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 a small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

More information can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INFORMATION										
Contaminants	Year Tested	Units	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Violation	Typical Sources of Contaminant	Typical Sources of Contaminant	Typical Sources of Contaminant
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>										
Fluoride	2023	ppm	4	4	0.997	0.86 - 1.2	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes healthy teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes healthy teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	2021	ppm	2	2	0.035	N/A	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	2023	ppm	10	10	0.104	N/A	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>										
Alpha emitters	2019	pCi/l	15	0	0.983	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits	Erosion of natural deposits	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2019	pCi/l	5	0	0.632	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits	Erosion of natural deposits	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>										
Haloacetic Acids - HAA5	2023	ppb	60	N/A	3.66	3.32 - 3.99	NO	By-Product of Chlorination	By-Product of Chlorination	By-Product of Chlorination
Trihalomethanes, Total	2023	ppb	80	N/A	13.8	12.5 - 15.1	NO	By-Product of Chlorination	By-Product of Chlorination	By-Product of Chlorination
<b>Residual Disinfectants</b>										
Total Chlorine	2023	ppm	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.16	1.02 - 1.21	NO	Water additive used to control microbes	Water additive used to control microbes	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>Lead and Copper</b>										
90% of test levels were less than AL										
Contaminants	Year Tested	Units	MCL	MCLG	90% of test levels were less than AL	Individual results over the AL	Violation	Typical Sources of Contaminant	Typical Sources of Contaminant	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Lead*	6/23 - 9/23	ppb	AL = 15	0	<2.0	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper*	6/23 - 9/23	ppm	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.082	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

\*Out of thirty (30) samples collected for copper and thirty (30) samples collected for lead, zero (0) samples exceeded the action level.