

# 2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Consumer Confidence Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023



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This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

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Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en Español, favor de llamar al teléfono (830) 598-8741 Ext 202

The source of drinking water used by the City of Horseshoe Bay is  
*Surface Water from Lake Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ)..*

## Information about Source Water Assessments

A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water was completed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This information describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment allows us to focus source water protection strategies. Results indicate that some of your sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Joel Green, Plant Supervisor.

- For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at the following URL: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview>
- Further details about sources and source water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL: <https://dww2.tceq.texas.gov/DWW/>

## Information about your 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.

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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 can 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.
- 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 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily a cause for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the water department at 830-598-8741.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we 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 the 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 <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

#### **Definitions and Abbreviations: (The following tables contain scientific terms and measures used in this report, some of which may require explanation.)**

AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
ALG	Action Level Goal	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.

<b>L1A</b>	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.
<b>L2A</b>	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 found in our water system on multiple occasions.
<b>AVG</b>	Average	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
<b>MCL</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level	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.
<b>MCLG</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
<b>MRDL</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	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.
<b>MRDLG</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	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.
<b>MFL</b>	Million Fiber Per Liter	A measure of asbestos.
<b>mrem</b>	Millirems Per Year	A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
<b>NTU</b>	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	A measure of turbidity.
<b>pCi/L</b>	Picocuries Per Liter	A Measure of radioactivity.
<b>mg/L ppm</b>	Milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.	
<b>ppq</b>	Parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter.	
<b>ug/L ppb</b>	Micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.	
<b>ppt</b>	Parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter	
<b>TT</b>	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
<b>MIN</b>	Minimum	
<b>MAX</b>	Maximum	

NA	Not Applicable
YEAR	Collection Date; the year in which sample(s) were collected.

## 2023 WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

Regulated Contaminants							
Lead and Copper - Testing Required Every 3 Years							
Year	Contaminant (Unit)	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# Sites over AL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
2022	Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.215	0	N	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; corrosion of household plumbing systems.
2022	Lead (ppb)	0	15	1.48	1	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfection By- Products							
Year	Contaminant (Unit)	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2023	Haloacetic Acids Total (HAA5) ppb	17	4.7 - 24	No Goal	60	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
**The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all HAA5 sample results collected at a location over a year.							
2023	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) ppb	26	4.3 - 43	No Goal	80	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
**The value in the Highest Level or Detected Column is the highest average of all TTHM sample results collected at a location over a year.							

Inorganic Contaminants							
Year	Contaminant (Unit)	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
2023	Barium (ppm)	0.0712	0.0706 - 0.0712	2	2	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Fluoride (ppm)	0.2	0.22 - 0.22	4	4.0	N	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

2023	Nitrate (Measured as Nitrogen) (ppm)	0.19	0 - 0.19	10	10	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2023	Cyanide (ppb)	40	30 - 40	200	200	N	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories. Discharge from steel/ metal factories

Radioactive Contaminants							
Year	Contaminant (Unit)	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
2023	Beta/ photon Emitters (pCi/L)	5.7	5.7 - 5.7	0	50	N	Decay of Natural and man- made deposits
** EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.							
2023	Combined Radium 226/228 (pCi/L)	1.5	1.5 - 1.5	0	5	N	Erosion of natural deposits
2023	Uranium	1	0 - 1	0	30	N	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfectant Residual								
Year	Contaminant (Unit)	AVG Level	MIN	MAX	MRDL	MRDLG	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
2023	Free Chlorine / Chloramines (ppm)	2.55	.08	4.4	4	4	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
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.								
Year	Turbidity		Level Detected		Limit Treatment Technique		Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
2023	Highest Single Measurement		0.5 NTU		1 NTU		N	Soil runoff
2023	Lowest Monthly % Meeting Limit		99%		0.3 NTU		N	Soil runoff

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.					