

# 2012 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT (CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT)

**CITY OF KILGORE**

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## Our Drinking Water Is Regulated

This annual report is a summary of the quality of the water we provided to our customers from January 1 to December 31, 2012. 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. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

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## Where Do We Get Our Drinking Water?

The City of Kilgore obtains its water from 2 sources. The City's Surface Water Treatment Plant draws water from the reservoir constructed adjacent to the plant site, which stores water pumped from the Sabine River. This reservoir holds about 105 million gallons of water. Our second water source is from 8 wells which pump water from the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer. Combined, our facilities provided nearly 900 million gallons of clean drinking water last year. Even in recent periods of drought, we have been able to provide an adequate supply of water to meet the needs of our customers.

<u>Source Water</u>	<u>Water Type</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Location</u>
Water Well #1	Ground Water	Active	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (Smith Co.)
Water Well #2	Ground Water	Active	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (Smith Co.)
Water Well #3a	Ground Water	Active	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (Smith Co.)
Water Well #4	Ground Water	Active	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (Smith Co.)
Water Well #5	Ground Water	Active	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (Smith Co.)
Water Well #7	Ground Water	Active	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (Smith Co.)
Water Well #8	Ground Water	Active	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (Smith Co.)
Water Well #9	Ground Water	Active	Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer (Smith Co.)
Sabine River	Surface Water	Active	Sabine River (Gregg Co.)

The TCEQ completed an assessment of our source water and results indicate some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for our 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 David Hackley at (903) 984-5081. For more information about our sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at <http://gis3.tceq.state.tx.us/swav/Controller/index.jsp?wtrsrc=>. Further details about sources and sourcewater assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at: <http://dww.tceq.texas.gov/DWW/>.

### **En Espanol**

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (903) 984-5081 – para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

### **Public Participation Opportunities**

Our City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the City Council Meeting Room, 815 North Kilgore Street, Kilgore, TX.

For more information about this report, or for any questions relating to your drinking water, please call David Hackley, Water Utilities Superintendent, at (903) 984-5081.

### **Substances Expected to be in 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 before treatment 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.

### **ALL Drinking Water May Contain Contaminants**

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. In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, EPA 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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### **Secondary Constituents**

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact our office at (903) 984-5081.

### **Additional Health Information for Lead**

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. This water supply 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 drinking 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>.

***Special Notice:***

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).

**- Abbreviations -**

**NTU** - Nephelometric Turbidity Units  
**MFL** - million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)  
**NA** - not applicable  
**pCi/L** - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)  
**ppm** - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)  
**ppb** - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )  
**ppt** - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter  
**ppq** - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

**- Definitions -**

**Average (Avg.):** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on a running annual average of monthly samples.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**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 allow for a margin of safety.

**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. This is measured as a running annual average.

**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 contamination.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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

## 2012 Regulated Contaminants

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Unit of Measure	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	09/27/2010	1.3	1.3	0.059	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	09/27/2010	0	15	1.17	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

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

Turbidity	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest Single Measurement	1 NTU	0.33 NTU	N	Soil runoff
Lowest Monthly % Meeting Limit	0.3 NTU	100%	N	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.

Disinfectant	Collection Date	Avg. of Quarterly Data	Lowest Single Sample	Highest Single Sample	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source
Chloramines	2012	1.7	0.5	4.7	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA <sub>5</sub> )	2012	13	0-35	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2012	33	5.6 - 74.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	01/13/2011	0.4	0 – 0.4	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronic production wastes.
Barium	01/13/2011	0.06	0.05 – 0.06	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2012	0.5	0.54 – 0.54	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2012	0.27	0 – 0.27	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Thallium	01/13/2011	0.01	0.009 – 0.01	0.5	2	ppb	N	Discharge from electronics, glass; Leaching from ore processing sites; drug factories.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	01/13/2011	1	1 – 1	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Synthetic Organic Contaminants Including Pesticides and Herbicides	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Dalapon	07/14/2011	2.42	2.42 – 2.42	200	200	ppb	N	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way.