

## Consumer Confidence Report For Calendar Year 2013

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### Public Water System (PWS) Information

<b>PWS ID Number</b>	<b>PWS Name</b>		
AZ04 -13052	Humboldt Water Co.		
<b>Contact Person and Title</b>		<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>E-Mail Address</b>
Tim Kylo		<b>800-315-5333</b>	
We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. more about public participation or to attend any of our regularly scheduled contact		at	fo
meeting dates and times.		If you would like to learn meetings, please additional opportunity and	

#### IV. Drinking Water Contaminants

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, which 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, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

#### V. Vulnerable Population

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

#### II. Drinking Water Sources

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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 pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The report must contain a brief explanation regarding contaminants which may reasonably be expected to be found in drinking water. This explanation may include the

language of paragraph 40 CFR 141.153 (h)(1)(iii) shown below, or the system may use their own comparable language:

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, 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.

Our water source(s):

Aqua Fria Watershed

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water poses a health risk. 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. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and microbiological contaminants call the EPA *Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.*

## VII. Definitions

AL = Action Level - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MFL = Million fibers per liter.

MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level. The level of disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap.

MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal. The level of disinfectant added for treatment at which no known or anticipated adverse effect on health of persons would occur.

MREM = Millirems per year - a measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

NA = Not Applicable, sampling was not completed by regulation or was not required.

NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units, a measure of water clarity.

PCi/L = Picocuries per liter - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

PPM = Parts per million or Milligrams per liter (mg/L).

PPB = Parts per billion or Micrograms per liter (pg/L).

ppm x 1000 = ppb

PPT = Parts per trillion or Nanograms per liter.

ppb x1000=ppt

PPQ = Parts per quadrillion or Picograms per liter.

ppt x1000=ppq

U = Treatment Technique - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

## VIII. Health Effects Language

**Nitrate** in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. "High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome." Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods-of-time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

If **arsenic** is less than or equal to the MCL, your drinking water meets EPA's standards. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems. **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. **Humboldt Water Co.** 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 water, you may wish to

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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).

## IX. Water Quality Data

Microbiological	Violation (or N)	Number of Samples Present OR Highest Level Detected	Absent (A) or Present (P) OR Range of All Samples (L-H)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (System takes ~40 monthly samples) 5% of monthly samples are positive; (System takes 1540 monthly samples) 1 positive monthly sample	N		A	0	0	monthly	Naturally Present in Environment
<b>Disinfectants</b>	<b>Violation Y or N</b>	<b>Running Annual Average (RAA)</b>	<b>Range of All Samples (L-H)</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>Sample Month &amp; Year</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Chlorine (ppm)	N	0.7	0.2-1.5	MRDL = 4	MRDLG	1	Water Utility
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>	<b>Violation Y or N</b>	<b>Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of All Samples (L-H)</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>Sample Month &amp; Year</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Haloacetic Acids (ppb) (HAA5)	N	1.2		60	n/a	8/2013	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) (TTHM)	N	2		80	n/a	8/2013	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Lead & Copper	Violation Y or N	<sup>90</sup> th Percentile AND Number of Samples Over the AL	Range of All Samples (L-H)	AL	ALG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	N	0.07	0.01-0.07	AL = 1.3	ALG = 1.3	6/2011	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	N	2	0-2	AL = 15	0	6/2011	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Radionuclides</b>	<b>Violation Y or N</b>	<b>Running Annual Average (RAA) 211 Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of All Samples (L-H)</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>Sample Month &amp; Year</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Alpha emitters (pCi/L) ( <i>this is Gross Alpha 4002</i> )	N	2		15	0	2/2010	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)</b>	<b>Violation Y or N</b>	<b>Running Annual Average (RAA) 211 Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of All Samples (L-H)</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>Sample Month &amp; Year</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Arsenic (ppb)	Y	20.3	18.1-21.2	10	0	RAA	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Nitrate (ppm)	N	6.3	6.12-6.4	10	10	RAA	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

XI. Violations

<b>Type / Description</b>	<b>Compliance Period</b>	<b>Corrective Actions taken by Pws</b>
MCI For Arsenic	2013	Quarterly sampling as well as treatment equipment to be installed. (See Attached Public Notice)

An explanation of the violation(s) in the above table, the steps taken to resolve the violation(s) and any required health effects information are required to be included with this report. (Attach copy of Public Notice if available.)



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **Humboldt Water System Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards**

Our water system, **Humboldt Water System**, recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on 10/24/13 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL) , for arsenic. The standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb). Arsenic was found at 20.7 ppb.

#### **What should I do?**

**You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### **What does this mean?**

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with circulatory system, and many have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### **What is being done?**

Quarterly sampling is being done to monitor the levels, as well as acquiring funding for the installation of a treatment system.

For more information, please contact Humboldt Water System at 928-632-9730.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly( for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by Humboldt Water System. Public Water System ID#: AZ-04-13052. Date distributed: 10/25/13.

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