2019 Water Quality Report

City of New Castle

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First Monday of each month at 6:00 pm

We buy our water wholesale from the Henry County Water District # 2. Their source is ground water from six wells in the Ohio River Alluvial Aquifer. Henry County Water District # 2 has completed a wellhead protection plan to determine the susceptibility of their wells to potential contamination. The wellhead protection area has been evaluated and given a medium susceptibility status. Moderate risk sites include two septic tanks and one county road The wellhead protection plan is on file at the Henry County Water District #2 (HCWD#2) office (502) 532-6279, located at 8955 Main Street Campbellsburg, Kentucky 40011. Copies of the protection plan are also available for review at KIPDA (Kentuckia Regional Planning and Development Agency) office located at 11520 Commonwealth Drive Louisville, Kentucky 40299. This protection plan may also be attained from Kentucky Division of Water (502) 564-3410, located at 200 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort Kentucky 40601. New Castle City Hall

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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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 may 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, (sewage plants, septic systems, livestock operations, or wildlife). Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, (naturally occurring or from stormwater runoff, wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming). Pesticides and herbicides, (stormwater runoff, agriculture or residential uses). Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, (by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, or from gas stations, stormwater runoff, or septic systems). Radioactive contaminants, (naturally occurring or from oil and gas production or mining activities). In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water to provide the same protection for public health.

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. 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 (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. Your local public water system 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 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.

Some or all of these definitions may be found in this report:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - 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.

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 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.

Below Detection Levels (BDL) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Not Applicable (N/A) - does not apply.

Parts per million (ppm) - or milligrams per liter, (mg/l). One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) - or micrograms per liter, (µg/L). One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

Variances & Exemptions (V&E) - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system shall follow.

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

Spanish (Español) Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

The data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with administrative regulations in 401 KAR Chapter 8. As authorized and approved by EPA, the State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data in this table, though representative, may be more than one year old. Copies of this report are available upon request by contacting our office during business hours. A=Henry County Water District #3, B=City of New

Regulated Contaminant Test Results Contaminant Report Range Date of Violation Likely Source of [code] (units) MCL **MCLG** Level of Detection Sample Contamination **Inorganic Contaminants** 0.045 0.045 0.045 No Barium A= to Jan-17 Drilling wastes; metal refineries; [1010] (ppm) 2 2 erosion of natural deposits No Fluoride A= 0.74 0.74 0.74 Jan-17 to Water additive which promotes [1025] (ppm) 4 4 strong teeth Jan-19 No Nitrate A= 0.36 0.36 0.36 to Fertilizer runoff; leaching from [1040] (ppm) 10 10 septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors Chlorine MRDL MRDLG Water additive used to control No (ppm) = 4 = 4(highest 0.73 1.08 2019 microbes. average) HAA (ppb) (Stage 2) Byproduct of drinking water [Haloacetic acids] 60 N/A B= 8 9 2019 No disinfection (Annual Sample) (High Site) (range of individual sites) TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2) Byproduct of drinking water No [total trihalomethanes] 80 N/A B=33 27 to 33 2019 disinfection. (High Site) (Annual Sample) (range of individual sites) **Household Plumbing Contaminants** Copper [1022] (ppm) 0.239 AL =Corrosion of household plumbing (90^{th}) No sites exceeding action level 1.3 1.3 B=0.024 0.263 July-2018 to percentile) Lead [1030] (ppb) AL = 1 Corrosion of household plumbing (90th sites exceeding action level 15 0 B=0 July-2018 No 2 to systems percentile) **Other Constituents** Source Turbidity (NTU) TT Allowable **Highest Single** Lowest Violation * Representative samples Levels Measurement Monthly % **Likely Source of Turbidity** Turbidity is a measure of the No more than 1 NTU* A= 100 No 0.69 clarity of the water and not a Less than 0.3 NTU in Soil runoff contaminant.

This report will not be sent to individual customers. It will be available at City Hall.

95% monthly samples

Secondary contaminants do not have a direct impact on the health of consumers. They are being included to provide additional information about the quality of the water.

Secondary Contaminant	Maximum Allowable Level	Report Level	Range of Detection	Date of Sample
Aluminum	0.05 to 0.2 mg/l		to	
Chloride	250 mg/l		to	
Color	15 color units		to	
Copper	1.0 mg/l		to	
Corrosivity	Noncorrosive		N/A	
Fluoride	2.0 mg/l		to	
Foaming Agents	0.5 mg/l		to	
Iron	0.3 mg/l		to	
Manganese	0.05 mg/l		to	
Odor	3 threshold odor number		to	
pН	6.5 to 8.5		to	
Silver	0.1 mg/l		to	
Sulfate	250 mg/l		to	
Total Dissolved Solids	500 mg/l		to	
Zinc	5 mg/l		to	

Our water system violated one or more drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During [compliance period] we ['did not monitor or test' or 'did not complete all monitoring or testing'] for [contaminant(s)] and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for [this contaminant/these contaminants] and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

	required sampling	number of samples taken	samples should	when samples were or
contaminant	frequency	•	have been	will be taken

What happened? Who is at risk? What is being done?

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.