## 2019 Water Quality Report

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Russellville purchases water from Logan/Todd Regional Water Commission (LTRWC) located in Guthrie, KY. LTRWC treats surface water from the Cumberland River with a raw water intake located in Clarksville, TN. A small portion of downtown Clarksville is located near the intake, thereby potentially contributing urban runoff of sediment, oil and grease, road salt, fertilizers, pesticides, nutrients, toxics, and other contaminants. Transportation corridors pose a significant threat to water quality due to the risk of accidents releasing substances into the river. A state primary road – TN 13 – crosses the Cumberland River, as do the Cunningham Bridge and the L&N Railroad bridge. For more information regarding the LTRWC source water protection area and plan, contact LTRWC at 270-483-6990 or contact the central office of the TN Division of Water Supply. For information about contaminant sources further upstream, see Clarksville (TN) Water System's Source Water Assessment.

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, ( $\mu g/L$ ). 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.

Regulated Contamina	nt Test R	Results - Loga	an/Todd F	Regional	Wa	ater Comn	nission		
Contaminant			Report	Range of Detection		Date of	Violation	Likely Source of	
[code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level			Sample		Contamination	
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	0.021	0.021	to	0.021	2019	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	0.719	0.719	to	0.719	2019	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Nitrate [1040] (ppm)	10	10	0.168	0.168	to	0.168	2019	No	Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio)	TT*	N/A	1.26 (lowest average)	1.5 (mo	to nthly	1.81 ratios)	2019	No	Naturally present in environment
*Monthly ratio is the % TOC r	emoval achi	eved to the % TC	C removal re	quired. An	nual	average must	be 1.00 or gre	ater for com	oliance.
Source Water Contam				•		Ţ.			
Cryptosporidium [oocysts/L]	0	TT (99% removal)	1 (positive samples)		12 (no. of samples)		2019	See Note Below	Human and animal fecal waste
Other Constituents								_	
Turbidity (NTU) TT	Allowable		Highest Single			Lowest	Violation	Likely Source of Turbidity	
* Representative samples	Levels		Measurement		]	Monthly %			
Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of the water and not a contaminant.	No more than 1 NTU* Less than 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly samples		0.084		100		No	Soil runoff	

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water. Cryptosporidium was detected in 1 sample of 12 collected from the raw water source for our water system. It was not detected in the finished water. Current test methods do not enable us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

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Contaminant			Report	Range		Date of Violation		Likely Source of		
[code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Level	of Detection		Sample		Contamination		
Chlorine	MRDL	MRDLG	1.57					TT		
(ppm)	= 4	= 4	(highest	0.98 to	2.18	2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes.		
			average)							
HAA (ppb) (Stage 2)			36					Donor don to Chinhin a section		
[Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	(high site	20 to	47	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection		
			average)	(range of indiv	idual sites)					
TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2)			51					Dymroduct of drinking water		
[total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	(high site	18 to	58	2019	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.		
			average)	(range of indiv	idual sites)			1		
Household Plumbing	Contami	nants	•	•						
Copper [1022] (ppm)	AL=		0.0485					C		
sites exceeding action level	1.3	1.3	(90th	0.0011 to	0.113	Jul-19	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems		
0			percentile)							