

# 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## SAN LEON MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT)

**PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS - Date:** Third Tuesday of Every Month  
**Time:** 6:30 p. m. **Location:** San Leon Municipal Utility District, 443 24<sup>th</sup> Street in San Leon  
EPA'S SAFE DRINKING WATER HOTLINE 1-800-426-4761

### Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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. For more information regarding this contact: San Leon Municipal Utility District Customer Service (281)339-1586

#### En Española

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

#### Sources of Drinking Water

The source of drinking water used by San Leon Municipal Utility District is Purchased Surface Water from Gulf Coast Water Authority in Texas City, Texas.

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 human activity.

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 can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as virus 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, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protections 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 cause for health concerns. For more information on taste, the odor or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

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 at (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 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 are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Information about Source Water Assessments

The TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and 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 San Leon Municipal Utility District, 281-339-1586 located at 443 24<sup>th</sup> Street, San Leon, Texas 77539.

For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at the following URL: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview>

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL: <http://dww2.tceq.texas.gov/DWW/>

SOURCE WATER NAME	TYPE OF WATER	REPORT STATUS	LOCATION
SW FROM GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY CC FROM TX0840153 GULF	SW	ACTIVE	TEXAS CITY, TEXAS/BRAZO RIVER COUNTY OF GALVESTON

**Definitions and Abbreviations:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

**Action Level Goal (ALG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's 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.

**Avg.:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**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.

**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

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety on multiple occasions.

**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 contaminations.

**MFL:** Million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos).

**na:** Not applicable.

**mrem:** millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).

**NTU:** Nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity).

**pCi/L:** Picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

**ppb:** Micrograms per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

**ppm:** Milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

**ppt:** Parts per trillion, or monograms per liter (ng/L).

**ppq:** Parts per quadrillion, or pictograms per liter (pg/L)

**2021 Water Quality Test Results**

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Halocetic Acids (HAA5)	2021	15	4.1 - 27.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-Products of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	46	35.3 - 54	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-Products of drinking water disinfection.

\*The value in the Highest Level or Average Deleted column is the highest average of all HAA5 and TTHM sample results collected at a location over a year.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source Of Contamination
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2021	1.21	1.21 - 1.21	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfectant Residual Residuals	Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Cl2 Totals	2021	1.86	1.4 - 2.4	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

**Violations**

**Public Notification Rule**  
The Public Notification Rule helps to ensure that consumers will always know if there is a problem with their drinking water. These notices immediately alert consumers if there is a serious problem with their drinking water (e.g., a boil water emergency).

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	8/1/2021	2021	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	9/1/2021	2021	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.

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Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorite	2021	0.334	0 - 0.334	0.8	1	ppm	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Halocetic Acids (HAA5)	2021	11.4	9.2 - 11.4	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

\*The value in the Highest Level or Average Deleted column is the highest average of all HAA5 sample results collected at a location over a year.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	44.9	43.5 - 44.9	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
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Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2021	0.0885	0.0885 - 0.0885	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2021	0.32	0.32 - 0.32	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]	2021	1.06	1.06 - 1.06	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/photon emitters	03/09/2018	5.4	5.4 - 5.4	0	50	pCi/L*	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

\*EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

Disinfectant Residual	Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
CL2 Totals	2021	3.05	2.93 - 3.34	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Turbidity	Level Detected	Limited (Treatment Technique)	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest single measurement	0.2 NTU	1 NTU	N	Soil Runoff.
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	100%	0.3 NTU	N	Soil Runoff.

Information Statement: 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.

**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.