

# 2021 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT



# Alaska Water

IRIS CIRCLE (PWSID# 226410)

## Your Water Quality

This Annual Water Quality Report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water delivered to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

This report contains information for monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2021 and is a snapshot of the quality of water provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

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 (800-426-4791).

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the 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 for public health.

If you have any questions about this report or want to learn more please contact Uli Johnson (357-1770) or AWPS (745-0740). You can find out when a meeting is so that you may attend.

## The Source of Your Water

Your water comes from a single groundwater well located in Green Valley Subdivision (Tract G, Block3) aka Marrs Park or "the Circle". The last Sanitary Survey was completed in 2020. The next survey is due in 2023.

A Source Water Assessment is available for your water system. You may contact your Homeowners Association for a digital copy (.pdf format) of this report or you may review a hard copy at the Alaska Resources Library & Information Services (ARLIS) located at 3211 Providence Drive, Room 111 Anchorage, AK 99508; phone number 907-272-7547.

Overall, the public drinking water source at Iris Circle received a vulnerability rating of **High** for bacteria and viruses, nitrates/nitrites, and **Low** for volatile organic chemicals, inorganics/heavy metals, synthetic organic chemicals and other organic chemicals in this Source Water Assessment.



## Water Sources & Contaminants

**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 pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

### **Possible Contaminants in Source Water:**

- ✓ 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.

## Water System Test Results

By regulation we are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, thought representative, are more than one year old.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Date	MCLG	MCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>						
Barium	No	.0792 ppm	7/23/19	2 ppm	2 ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes and from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	No	.198 ppm <i>0 of 5 samples exceeded AL</i>	11/12/21	1.3 ppm	AL= 1.3 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	No	5.56 ppb <i>0 of 5 samples exceeded AL</i>	11/12/21	0	AL=15 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	No	8.15 ppb	7/23/19	Not regulated by EPA	Not regulated by EPA	No major sources listed by the EPA as Nickel is no longer regulated by the EPA.
Nitrate	No	3.53 ppm	1/18/21	10 ppm	10 ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

### 2021 Violations or Exceedances

None

### Unresolved Significant Deficiencies

None

## Helpful Definitions and Abbreviations

**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.

**Non-Detects (ND)** – laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**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** – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2000 years.

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

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

*Your water system is regularly monitored to meet all regulatory requirements. Every effort is made to monitor exactly to State & Federal requirements.*

## Reduction of Monitoring Requirements

As authorized and approved by the 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 our Test Table, though representative, is more than one year old. We have monitoring waivers from the State of Alaska DEC for Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOC's) and Asbestos.



## Vulnerability of Some Populations to Contaminants in Drinking Water



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/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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).

## Lead in Drinking Water

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 water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

### Steps to Minimize Potential for Lead Exposure:

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 from drinking and 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>.



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We work hard to make sure your water is safe to drink, and your water service is dependable.

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