

COWLEY CO RWD 4

Consumer Confidence Report – 2023

Covering Calendar Year – 2022



This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call VICKIE THIEL at 620-221-1118.

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). Your water comes from :

Buyer Name	Seller Name
COWLEY CO RWD 4	CITY OF WINFIELD

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those 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).

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).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included 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.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:
Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, 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 storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.
Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.
Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system is required to test a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2022 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2022. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is 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.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

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.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water.

Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results for Rural Water District No. 4, Cowley County

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2022	49	49	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2022	56	56	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2019 - 2021	0.15	0.029 - 0.15	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD	2019 - 2021	1.2	0 - 1.2	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing

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. 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>.

Chlorine/Chloramines Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
2022 - 2022	2.9000	MG/L	2.4	MG/L

During the 2022 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
11/1/2022 - 11/30/2022	CHLORINE	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
11/1/2022 - 11/30/2022	REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE (RTCR)	MONITORING, ROUTINE, MINOR (RTCR)

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2022 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	0.081	0.081	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries
CHROMIUM	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	1.3	1.3	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills
SELENIUM	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	1.4	1.4	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	140	140	MG/L	300
BROMATE	11/16/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	6.3	0 - 6.3	ppb	10
CALCIUM	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	44	44	MG/L	200
CHLORIDE	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	10	10	MG/L	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOS/CM	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	290	290	UMHO/CM	1500
CORROSIVITY	5/11/2021	CITY OF WINFIELD	0.01	0.01	LANG	0
DESETHYLATRAZINE	6/18/2018	CITY OF WINFIELD	0.32	0.32	UG/L	
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	130	130	MG/L	400
MAGNESIUM	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	5	5	MG/L	150
MANGANESE	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	0.0042	0.0042	MG/L	0.05
NICKEL	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	0.0021	0.0021	MG/L	0.1
PH	5/11/2021	CITY OF WINFIELD	7.8	7.8	PH	8.5
POTASSIUM	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	2.5	2.5	MG/L	100
SILICA	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	1.1	1.1	MG/L	50
SODIUM	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	8.9	8.9	MG/L	100
SULFATE	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	6.8	6.8	MG/L	250
TDS	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	180	180	MG/L	500
ZINC	5/3/2022	CITY OF WINFIELD	0.015	0.015	MG/L	5

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.

The district's notice of failing to monitor for the revised total chloriform rule in November 2022. This situation has been corrected. A copy of the notice is included on the next page.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The COWLEY CO RWD 4 public water supply system violated a drinking water standard. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants and residual disinfectant levels on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether our drinking water meets health standards. During November 2022, we did not complete some required monitoring for coliform bacteria nor residual disinfectant level and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What happened: We are routinely required to test for coliform bacteria no fewer than two times a month. Additional samples are required following a coliform-positive or rejected sample. We are required to monitor the residual disinfectant level at the same time and same point as total coliforms. A monitoring violation occurred because of failure to meet these requirements during November 2022.

What you should do and who is at risk: This is not an emergency. There is nothing you need to do at this time. There is no direct health risk to consumers.

What we are doing: Since it is our desire to provide the safest water possible to our consumers, we have taken the action of paying closer attention to our monthly sampling program and daily record keeping and are looking into alternative resources for testing or shipping if necessary in order to prevent future violations. We will call our laboratory early in the month if we haven't received bottles needed for sampling. **We anticipate resolving the problem within** Situation has been remediated.

For more information, please contact Name: VICKIE THIEL at Phone: 620-221-1118
Or by Mail: PO BOX 735, WINFIELD, KS 67156

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.

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