



**YOUR DRINKING WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

**General Water System Information**

Questions regarding the City’s water supply, treatment and quality control may be directed to: Mike Walker, Public Works Director at 503-489-2162, [mwalker@ci.sandy.or.us](mailto:mwalker@ci.sandy.or.us) . The City actively seeks public participation in decisions affecting your drinking water. City Council meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the first and third Mondays of each month at Sandy City Hall, 39250 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy, OR 97055. Agendas for upcoming City Council meetings and minutes of past Council meetings may be found on our website: [www.ci.sandy.or.us](http://www.ci.sandy.or.us) .

**Water Source Information**

The City of Sandy has three water sources. During the spring, fall and winter approximately 50% of the City’s supply is purchased from the Portland Water Bureau. The remainder of our supply comes from Brownell Springs and Alder Creek. During the summer, when demand increases each source provides approximately one-third of the total supply.

**Definitions Useful in Interpreting This Report**

*Disinfection By-products* - compounds formed by a reaction between the chlorine used to disinfect the water and any organic material remaining in the water or the piping system.

*None-Detected (ND)* - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present at or above the detection limit of the equipment and analysis method.

*Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)* - one part per million

*Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)* - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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

*Maximum Contaminant Level* - 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. MCL’s are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, 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

*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal* - The “Goal”(MCLG) is 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.

*Turbidity* - is the measure of “cloudiness” or suspended particles in water. Turbidity can provide a growth medium for bacteria and hinder the effectiveness of treatment methods and disinfection processes.

**The following table covers analyses of your drinking water performed in calendar year 2015 - January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.**

<b>Disinfection By-Products – (All Sources)</b>				
<b>CONTAMINANT</b>	<b>MAXIMUM AMOUNT DETECTED</b>	<b>MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)</b>	<b>MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL (MCLG)</b>	<b>SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION</b>
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) mg/l	0.0676 mg/l	0.080 mg/l	N/A	Reaction between chlorine and organic matter in water
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) mg/l	0.1169 mg/l	0.060 mg/l	N/A	Reaction between chlorine and organic matter in water
<b>Lead and Copper – (All Sources)</b>				
<b>CONTAMINANT</b>	<b>90 %-TILE VALUES</b>	<b>MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)</b>	<b>MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL (MCLG)</b>	<b>SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION</b>
Lead	0.011 mg/l	0.155 mg/l	0 mg/l	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper	0.47 mg/l	1.35 mg/l	1.3 mg/l	Corrosion of household plumbing

<b>Alder Creek Source</b>				
<b>CONTAMINANT</b>	<b>MAXIMUM AMOUNT DETECTED</b>	<b>MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)</b>	<b>MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL GOAL (MCLG)</b>	<b>SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION</b>
Turbidity*	0.33 NTU	0.3 NTU in 95% of samples; 1.0 NTU at any one time	< 0.3 NTU	Soil erosion and stream sediments
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) ppm	1.48 mg/l	N/A	N/A	Naturally present in the environment
Alkalinity ppm	11.0 mg/l	N/A	N/A	Naturally present in the environment
Nitrates ppm	1.66 mg/l	10.0 mg/l	N/A	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Brownell Springs Source</b>				
Turbidity*	0.221 NTU	0.3 NTU in 95% of samples; 1.0 NTU at any one time	< 0.3 NTU	Soil erosion and stream sediments
Nitrates ppm	1.89 mg/l	10.0 mg/l	N/A	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Portland Water Bureau Source</b>				
Turbidity*	1.88 NTU	Cannot exceed 5 NTU more than 2 times in 12 months	N/A - Unfiltered Source	Soil erosion and stream sediments
Nitrates ppm	0.22 mg/l	N/A	N/A	Naturally present in the environment

\*Turbidity is monitored at all water sources on a round-the-clock basis in order to determine the effectiveness of treatment and to comply with regulatory requirements.

**It is important to point out that the City monitors for many other contaminants than those listed in this table, (over 27 at each source in 2015). Only contaminants that are detected are listed in this table. In addition to these analyses, the City collects a minimum of eight samples every month from the distribution system, (the pipes that deliver water to your home) to test for coliform contamination.**

### ***Water Quality Violations***

The City had one water quality violation in calendar year 2015. We exceeded the long term running annual average for Total Haloacetic Acids, (HAA5).

All 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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).