

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report-Schuyler

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. Last year, we conducted tests for over 80 contaminants. We only detected 13 of those contaminants, and found only 2 at a level higher than the EPA allows. As we informed you at the time, our water temporarily exceeded drinking water standards. (For more information see the section labeled Violations at the end of the report.)

Do I need to take special precautions?

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 (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

Your drinking water is surface water in Schuyler and is obtained from Johnson Hollow Reservoir. Water is distributed throughout the community by one booster pump station and gravity, one storage tank, and distribution piping consisting of 6-inch pipe. Treatment is provided at Schuyler by microfiltration and sodium hypochlorite to disinfect the water prior to distribution.

Source water assessment and its availability

A source water assessment for the Nelson County Service Authority was completed by the

Virginia Department of Health on April 11, 2002. This assessment determined that the raw water source (Johnson's Hollow) may be susceptible to contamination. All surface water sources were exposed to a wide array of contaminants at varying concentrations and changing by hydrologic, hydraulic and atmospheric conditions that promote migration of contaminants from land use activities of concern with the assessment area.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

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 Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 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 can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity:

microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and 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 that limit the amount 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 the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

If you have questions about this report or if you want additional information about any aspects of your drinking water, please contact Mr. George T. Miller, Jr., Executive Director at toll-free 1-888-263-5341. The times and location of regularly scheduled board meetings are as follows: The third Tuesday of every month at 9am at the Nelson County Service Authority Administrative Building-basement located at 620 Cooperative Way, Arrington, VA 22922.

Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is treated in a "treatment train" (a series of processes applied in a sequence) that includes coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Coagulation removes dirt and other particles suspended in the source water by adding chemicals (coagulants) to form tiny sticky particles called "floc," which attract the dirt particles. Flocculation (the formation of larger flocs from smaller flocs) is achieved using gentle, constant mixing. The heavy particles settle naturally out of the water in a sedimentation basin. The clear water then moves to the filtration process where the water passes through sand, gravel, charcoal or other filters that remove even smaller particles. A small amount of chlorine or other disinfection method is used to kill bacteria and other microorganisms (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water before water is stored and distributed to homes and businesses in the community.

Monitoring and reporting of compliance data violations

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER NCSA - SCHUYLER WATER SYSTEM HAS DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS LEVELS ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results indicated that our system exceeded the primary maximum contaminant level (PMCL) for haloacetic acid (HAA5) and total trihalomethanes (TTHM) in the 1st quarter 2025 monitoring period at our monitoring locations at 145 Tilman Lane and 7849 Rockfish River Road, respectively. The maximum contaminant levels for haloacetic acid and total trihalomethanes are 0.060 mg/l or 60 parts per billion (ppb), and 0.080 mg/l or 80 ppb, respectively. The haloacetic acid level for the compliance period of the past year was 0.066 mg/l or 66 ppb at 145 Tilman Lane. The total trihalomethanes level was 0.084 mg/l or 84 ppb at 7849 Rockfish River Lane.

What should I do? There is nothing you need do at this time. You do not need to use an alternative (e.g. bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, you should consult your doctor.

What does this mean? This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing total trihalomethane in excess of the PMCL over many years could experience liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems and an increased risk of cancer. People who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the PMCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What happened? We are required to collect distribution system samples each calendar quarter and have them analyzed to determine the levels of HAA5 and TTHM present in the water. Should the result exceed the PMCL at any sampling location, we are then deemed out of compliance with HAA5 and/or TTHM standards.

The Virginia Department of Health advised that we had exceeded the PMCL for disinfection byproducts because our annual HAA5 level after our most recent sampling was 0.066 mg/l or 66 ppb and our annual TTHM level was 0.084 mg/l or 84 ppb.

What is being done? Quarterly TTHM and HAA5 sampling of our drinking water will continue to be performed as required to determine the quality of water being served to you.

Health effects: Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the PMCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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Additional Information for Lead

The system inventory includes lead service lines.

In 2024, we developed a service line inventory as required by EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. We do not have any lead service lines as part of this water system. Should you have detailed questions or wish to see the service line inventory, please contact the Nelson County Service Authority.

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. NCSA - SCHUYLER is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact NCSA - SCHUYLER (Public Watersystem Id: VA2125650) by calling 434-263-5341 or emailing gmiller@ncsava.com. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at

low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	0.86	0.15	1.52	2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	69	12	69	2025	Yes	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	86	4	86	2025	Yes	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.0122	0.0101	0.0122	2025	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.13	ND	0.65	2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from

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								fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (optional) (ppm)	NA		6.15	4.68	6.15	2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching
Microbiological Contaminants								
E. coli (RTCR) - in the distribution system (positive samples)	00	Routine and repeat samples are total coliform positive and either is E. coli - positive or system fails to take repeat samples following E. coli positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform positive repeat sample for E. coli.	00	NA	NA	2025	No	Human and animal fecal waste
Turbidity (NTU)	NA	0.3	100	NA	NA	2025	No	Soil runoff
100% of the samples were below the TT value of .3. A value less than 95% constitutes a TT violation. The highest single measurement was .19. Any measurement in excess of 1 is a violation unless otherwise approved by the state.								
Radioactive Contaminants								
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	00	15	0.553	NA	NA	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	00	5	0.626	NA	NA	2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Range		# Samples Exceeding AL	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
				Low	High				
Inorganic Contaminants									
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.0206	ND	0.0228	0	2025	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	00	15	0.79	ND	0.94	0	2025	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Violations and Exceedances
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Undetected Contaminants

The following contaminants were monitored for, but not detected, in your water.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Violation	Typical Source
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	ND	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

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ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
pCi/L	pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
NTU	NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.
positive samples	positive samples/yr: The number of positive samples taken that year

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: 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.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. 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.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. 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.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level
90th Percentile	Compliance with the lead and copper action levels is based on the 90th percentile lead and copper levels. This means that the concentration of lead and copper must be less than or equal to the action level in at least 90% of the samples collected.

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