### 2020 Annual Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

#### **RURAL WSC**

Phone Number: 409-384-9590

Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:

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. The 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 (1-800-426-4791).

#### Public Participation Opportunities

DATE: JULY 02,2021

TIME: 10:00 A/M

**LOCATION: RURAL WATER PLANT 5422 FM 2799** 

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To learn about future public meetings or questions (Concerning your drinking water), or to request a meeting or schedule one, please call us.

#### Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

WATER SOURCES: 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. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

#### En Español

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (409) 384 -9590 - para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

#### Where do we get our drinking water? Our

drinking water is obtained from GROUND water sources. It comes from the following Lake/River/Reservoir/Aquifer: JASPER

AQUIFER. The TCEQ has conducted a Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your water and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for our 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 (The Rural Water Supply)

#### ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. 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 (1-800-426-4791).

#### **Secondary Constituents**

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondary's are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

#### **About The Following Pages**

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

The highest permissible level of a contaminant 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 health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

#### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)

The highest level of 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 contamination.

#### Treatment Technique (TT)

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

#### Action Level (AL)

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

- NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- **MFL** million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- pCi/L -picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- ppm parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- **ppb** parts per billion, or micrograms per liter  $(\mu g/L)$
- ppt parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
- ppq parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

# **2020 Water Quality Test Results**

Barium         06/12/2018         0.0353         0.0353 - 0.0353         2         ppm         N         Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal
06/12/2018 0.0353 0.0353 2 2 ppm N
refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride 06/12/2018 0.23 0.23 - 0.23 4 4.0 ppm N Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Likely Source of Contamination	Violation	Units	WCL	MCLG	Range of Individual Samples	Highest Level Detected	Collection Date	Radioactive Contaminants
Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	z	pCi/L*	50	0	5.4-5.4	5.4	06/12/2018	Beta/photon emitters
Likely Source of Contamination	Violation	Units	WCL	MCLG	Range of Individual Samples	Highest Level Detected	Collection Date	Radioactive Contaminants

Combined Radium 226/228
06/12/2018
1.5
1.5 - 1.5
0
5
pCi/L
z
Erosion of natural deposits.

## Disinfectant Residual

A blank disinfectant residual table has been added to the CCR template, you will need to add data to the fields. Your data can be taken off the Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Reports (DLQOR).

Water additive used to control microbes.	Z	mg/l	4	4	.67-1.17	1.07	2020	FREE CHLORINE
					Detected			
Violation (Y/N) Source in Drinking Water	Violation (Y/N)	Unit of Measure	MRDLG	MRDL	Range of Levels	Average Level	Year	Disinfectant Residual

## Coliform Bacteria

Naturally present in the environment.	z	0		Þ	1 positive monthly sample.	0	
Likely Source of Contamination	Violation	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Total Coliform Highest No. of Positive Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum  Maximum Contaminant Level or Fecal Coliform Samples	Highest No. of Positive	Total Coliform  Maximum  Contaminant Level	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	

Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems:	Z	ppm	1	0.285	1.3	13	2020	Copper
Likely Source of Contamination	Violation	Units	# Sites Over AL	90th Percentile	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	Date Sampled	Lead and Copper