### What is a Consumer **Confidence Report (CCR)?**

We proudly present our Annual Water Quality Report, also referred to as a CCR. CCRs provide customers with important information regarding the quality of their drinking water. They let customers know what contaminants, if any, were detected in their drinking water, as well as associated potential health effects. We are pleased to report the results of the laboratory testing of your drinking water during the calendar year of 2024. For your information, we have compiled a list of tables showing the testing of your drinking water during 2024.

#### **Our Mission**

Central States Water Resources (CSWR) is working to bring safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible water resources to every community in the U.S.

#### **Our Vision**

CSWR is transforming how water utilities work by using technology and innovation to quickly assess and invest in reliable infrastructure that meets or exceeds stringent state and federal safety standards, ensuring all communities across the U.S. have access to safe, clean and reliable water resources while protecting the aquifers, lakes, rivers and streams that are essential to our world.



Address Line 1 Name



**CSWR-FLORIDA** 

**Aquarina Utilities PWS ID FL3054060 Annual Water Quality Report** 2024





# **ATTENTION: Landlords and Apartment**

Please share a copy of this notice with your tenants. It includes important information about their drinking water quality.

# **2024 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**

We are pleased to present our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report to you covering the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide to our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water. Where Does Our Drinking Water Come From?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Your water source: Groundwater well from the Floridan Aquifer The water supplied to you is treated by filtration, antiscalent, desalination, aeration, and chlorine.

#### **Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAPP)**

In 2024, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a Source Water Assessment of our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are 2 potential sources of contamination identified for this system with low susceptibility levels. The assessment results are available on the DEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAPP) website at

https://prodapps.dep.state.fl.us/swapp/ or they can be obtained from support@cswrflorida.com

#### What Contaminants Can Be In Our Drinking Water?

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- 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.

#### Am I at Risk?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

#### **Special Health Information**

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 small amounts of contamination. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lesson the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

#### **Lead and Drinking Water**

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. CSWR-Florida is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact CSWR-Florida at 1-855-476-1942. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead

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Corrosion of pipes, plumbing fittings and fixtures may cause metals, including lead and copper, to enter drinking water. To assess corrosion of lead and copper, Aquarina conducts tap sampling for lead and copper at selected sites every six months. Complete lead tap sampling results are available for review. If you would like to view a copy of the most recent results, contact CSWR-Florida at support@cswrflorida.com.

In compliance with Federal Regulation (40 CFR Part 141 Subpart 1) CSWR finds it necessary for the health and safety of our customers to adopt lead control standards which ban the use of lead materials in the public drinking water system and private plumbing connected to the public drinking water system. For more information, visit bit.ly/IdentifyingLead.

CSWR-Florida has completed the Lead Service Line Inventory, please visit https://centralstateswaterresources.com/florida-lsli/

#### **All Drinking Water May Contain Contaminants**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does n necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### **How to Participate**

Protecting drinking water at its source is an important part of the process to treat and deliver high quality water. It takes a community effort to protect shared resources. This includes utilities, businesses, residents, government and non-profit organizations.

## What can you do?



Properly dispose of pharmaceuticals, household chemicals, oils and paints.



Clean up after your pets and limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.



Take part in watershed activities or volunteer outreach programs.



Clean up heating or fuel tank leaks with cat litter. Sweep material and seal in bag. Check with local facility for disposal.

Please contact CSWR-Florida at 1-855-476-1942 if you have any questions.

2024 Consumer Confidence Report Data Table Aquarina This report contains important information about your drinking water. Este informe contiene informactión muy importante sobre el aqua usted bebe. Tradúscalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.										
Stage 1 Disinfectant	Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA)	Range of All Samples (Low- High)		MRDL	MRDLG	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination		
Chlorine (ppm)	N	1.34	0.2-3		4	4	2024	Water additive used to control microbes		
Stage II Disinfection Byproducts	Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA)	Range of All Samples (Low- High)		MCL	MCLG	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination		
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N	3.8	3.7-3.9		60	N/A	9/12/2024	By-product of drinking water disinfection		
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	N	11.37	10.1-13.5		80	N/A	9/12/2024	By-product of drinking water disinfection		
Lead and Copper	90th Percentile	Range of Tap Sample Results	AL Exceeded Y or N	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	AL	MCLG	Sample Date (mo/yr)	Likely Source of Contamination		
Copper [tap water] (ppm)	0.75	0.037 - 1.0	N	0	1.3	1.3	Aug-24	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives		
Lead [tap water] (ppb)	17	0.25-17	Υ	2	15	0	Aug-24	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives		
Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)	Violation Y or N	Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low- High)		MCL	MCLG	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination		
Barium (ppm)	N	0.0041	N/A		2	2	9/12/2024	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits		
Fluoride (ppm)	N	0.068	N/A		4	4	9/12/2024	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum. Water additive which promotes strong teeth at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm		
Sodium (ppm)	N	25.1	N/A		160	N/A	9/12/2024	Saltwater intrusion, leaching from soil		
Secondary Contaminants (SEC)	Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA)	Range of All Samples (Low- High)		MCL	MCLG	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination		
Odor (threshold odor number)	Υ	100	N/A		3		9/12/2024	Naturally occurring organics		

#### **Additional Health Information:**

Lead: Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

#### **Lead Action Level Exceedance**

We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. This includes monitoring for lead at customers' taps. In August 2024, the 90th percentile of Lead was detected at 0.017 mg/L, which exceeds the action level of 0.015 mg/L for Lead. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile result and the number of sampling sites exceeding the AL is shown in the test results table. Because the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile result exceeded the AL, the system exceeded the AL. The AL exceeded was not a violation but rather a trigger for additional steps the system must take. Our system complied with all required follow-up to this exceedance. This includes a public education notice that was distributed 1/17/2025. To view the notice please visit https://bit.ly/2024AguarinaLeadNotice

2024 Violations									
Violation	Explanation, Health Effects	Time Period	Corrective Action						
LCR PB90 Exceedance - Lead and Copper Rule: Elevated levels of lead were found in some homes/buildings.	Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.	2024	The 90th percentile of Lead was detected at 0.017 mg/L, which exceeds the action level of 0.015 mg/L for Lead. CSWR – Florida is conducting a corrosion control study to determine the best way to treat the water to minimize lead exposure. Additionally, CSWR – Florida has already undertaken the lead service line inventory, a project to determine the material of all service lines throughout the system. We will continue our efforts to identify and minimize the source of lead.						

#### **PFAS**

Your drinking water was sampled for the presence and concentration of different per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, some known by the acronyms PFAS, PFOA, PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, and GenX. PFAS are man-made chemicals that are resistant to heat, water, and oil. They have been used since the 1940s to manufacture various consumer products, including fire-fighting foam and stain resistant, water-resistant, and nonstick items. Many PFAS do not break down easily and can build up in people, animals, and the environment over time. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to certain PFAS can be harmful to people and animals, depending on the level and duration of exposure.

In 2024 no PFAS chemicals were detected in the water supply.

\*Please share this information with 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.

# **Definition of Terms:**

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

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk of health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Average (Avg):** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on a running annual average of monthly samples.

**Level 1 Assessment:** A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**Level 2 Assessment:** A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occassions.

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 the 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.

Million fibers per Liter (MFL): A measure of asbestos.

**Millirems per Year (MREM):** A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Not Applicable (NA):** Sampling was not completed by regulation or was not required.

Not Detected (ND): Not detectable at reporting limit.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU):** Measure of clarity or turbidity of the water.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L):** Measure of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water.

**Parts per million (ppm):** One part substance per million parts water or milligram per liter (mg/l).

Parts per quadrillion (ppq): Parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L).

Parts per trillion (ppt): One part substance per trillion parts

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

water or nanograms per liter (ng/L).