

Drinking water, including bottle water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water possess a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

**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.

**Secondary Constituents**

Contaminants (such as: calcium, sodium, or iron) may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact your

**In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations established limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.**

**Special Notice for the Elderly, Infants, Cancer Patients, People with HIV/AIDS or Other Immune Problems**

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800)-426-4791

# Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 342

Disinfection Residuals							
Year	Contaminant	Highest Avg Level Detected	Range of Detected Levels	Violation	MRDL	MRDLG	Source of Contaminant
2014	Chloramines	3.29	0.50- 4.0	NO	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

Inorganic Contaminants								
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2014	0.01	0.01–0.01	10	10	ppm	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage, Erosion of natural deposits.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Follow-up or Routine Tap M/R (LCR)	10/01/2014	2014	Failed to test our drinking water for lead and copper in period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated. Past test for lead and copper have never indicated any violations.

## 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 test and is presented in the following pages. 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.

### Where do we get our drinking water?

Our drinking water is both ground and surface water purchased from Harris County MUD 344. The ground water comes from the Evangeline Aquifer, while the surface water comes from the City of Houston.

The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Assessment for all drinking water systems that own their sources. The report describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The system from which we purchase our water received the assessment report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact your Water District's Operator at 281-651-1618.

### Public Participation Opportunities

**Date:** 1st Thursday of the month  
**Time:** 12:00 P.M. (Noon)  
**Location:** 1300 Post Oak Blvd #1400  
Houston, TX 77056  
**Phone #** 713-407-2013

#### En Español

Este informe incluye informacion importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en Español, favor de llamar al tel. # (281) 651-1618-para hablar con una persona en Español.

## Additional Health Information for Lead

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. We are 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 (800) 426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Drinking Water Definitions & Units Description

#### Definitions

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Maximum Contaminant Level or 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 or MCLG: The level of 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 or 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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or 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.

#### Abbreviations

SCL—Secondary Contaminant Level  
NA: Not Applicable  
ND: Not Detected  
NR: Not Reported  
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  
ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter  
ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

In the water loss audit submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for the time period of Jan-Dec 2014, our system lost an estimated 6,494,000 gallons of water. If you have any questions about the water loss audit please call 281-651-1618.

# 2014

# Drinking Water Quality Report



### Consumer Confidence

#### Report (CCR)

<http://www.mmia.ws/images/pdf/2014/342.pdf>



281-651-1618

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**Harris County MUD 342** utilizes both ground and surface water. The following data table shows the water quality information provided by the City of Houston on the water received from Lake Houston.

## Regulated Contaminants

CONTAMINANT	Max Contaminant Level	Max Contaminant Level Goal	Secondary Contaminant Level	READING
Atrazine (ug/L)	3	3	n/a	0.61
Barium (mg/L)	2	2	n/a	0.0517
Fluoride (mg/L)	4	4	2	ND
Nitrate (mg/L)	10	10	n/a	0.24
Simazine (ug/L)	4	4	n/a	ND

## Unregulated Contaminants & Secondary Standards

CONTAMINANT	Max Contaminant Level	Secondary Contaminant Level	READING
Potassium (mg/L)	n/a	n/a	3.55
Bicarbonate (mg/L)	n/a	n/a	65
Calcium (mg/L)	n/a	n/a	11.4
Chloride (mg/L)	n/a	250	23
Chloroform [VOC] (ug/L)	70	n/a	11
Magnesium (mg/L)	n/a	n/a	1.71
Manganese (ug/L)	n/a	50	4.9
pH (SU)	n/a	6.5-8.5	8.6
Sodium [Sodium] (mg/L)	n/a	n/a	24.1
Sulfate (mg/L)	n/a	250	8
Total alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (mg/L)	n/a	n/a	53
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	n/a	500	115
Total hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub> by calculation (mg/L)	n/a	n/a	35.5
Bromodichloromethane [VOC] (mg/L)	0	n/a	1.1

Turbidity	Lowest Monthly Percentage of Samples < 0.3 NTU	Max Turbidity (NTU)
Turbidity is a measure of water clarity how much the material suspended in water decreases the passage of light through the water. Suspended materials include soil particles (clay, silt, and sand), algae, plankton, microbes, and other substances.	100%	0.29