

2019

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Annual Water Quality Report for
the period of January 1 to
December 31, 2019.

This report is intended to provide
you with important information
about your drinking water and the
efforts made by McAllen Public
Utility to provide safe drinking
water.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL MANAGER



I am pleased at the opportunity to briefly communicate our passion here at McAllen Public Utility for providing safe, affordable, high quality drinking water to all our McAllen residents and rate payers alike. We stand by our product, our people and our water and waste water infrastructure. My hope is that all may enjoy the benefits of our staff's outstanding commitment to servicing customers, our system's impeccable reliability that residents have grown accustomed to and our product that is vital to a vibrant, growing community. Quality of life is comprised of several amenities, none of which are as important as affordable, safe, quality water. May we never take it for granted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marco A. Vega'.

Marco A. Vega, P. E.
General Manager

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

The McAllen Public Utility Board meets publicly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at City Hall, 1300 Houston Ave., McAllen, Texas. These meetings are also broadcast live and recorded for viewing on MCN , which is also available for viewing at www.mcallenpublicutility.com.

MPU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The McAllen Public Utility (MPU) is governed by the McAllen Public Utility Board (MPUB), which is an elected board. The Board of Trustees of the McAllen Public Utility was created February 2, 1945 to oversee all aspects of water and wastewater for the City of McAllen. The Board consists of four members elected at large by place, in a citywide election for four-year terms and one ex-officio member appointed by the Mayor.



Albert Cardenas-Chairman



Antonio "Tony" Aguirre, JR-
Vice Chairman



Mayor Jim Darling-
Ex-Officio Member



Ernest Williams- Trustee



Charles Amos- Trustee



MISSION STATEMENT

McAllen Public Utility is dedicated to providing clean, safe drinking water. We are committed to consistently providing quality services and quality of life to all who live, work and visit the city of McAllen. We are working hard to educate the public on the issues surrounding water use and conservation.

SUPERIOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

McAllen Public Utility has been designated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) a Superior Public Water System in view of the high standards of water service made available to the residents of McAllen. For over 25 years we have been recognized as a Superior Public Water Supply System, which achieves and maintains recognition for those systems who exceed the minimum acceptable standards of the TCEQ.

OUR DEPARTMENTS

- Administration
- Utility Engineering
- Treasury Management
- Customer Relations
- Billing
- Meter Readers
- Meter Technicians
- Water Laboratory
- Water Treatment Systems
- Waste Water Treatment Systems
- Waste Water Collections
- PreTreatment

In 2019, and with a population of 173,911 people, the 2 McAllen Water Treatment Plants must now meet a minimum daily production capacity of 45.9 million gallons of water. Our current system capacities are 59.7 million gallons of treated water per day and growing.

South Water Treatment Plant: 47.0 MGD
 North Water Treatment Plant: 11.2 MGD
 Ground Water Well: 1.5 MGD



SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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 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 byproducts 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.

OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide to our customers. The analysis was made using the data from the most recent Texas Commission of Environmental Quality and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about your drinking water supply.

ALL DRINKING WATER MAY CONTAIN CONTAMINANTS

When drinking water meets federal standards, there may not be any health benefits to purchasing bottled water or point-of-use devices (such as a faucet filtration system). Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these 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 at (800)-426-4791. The TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report.

SECONDARY CONSTITUENTS

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

REQUIRED 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. This water supply is 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

SPECIAL NOTICE

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; those 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 provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.



WHERE DO WE GET OUR DRINKING WATER?

The source of drinking water used by McAllen Public Utility is Surface Water. This information 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 information contained in the assessment allows us to focus source water protection strategies. Some of this source water assessment information is available on Texas Drinking Water Watch at <http://dww.tceq.state.tx.us/DWW>. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us. MPU receives water from the Falcon and Amistad Dams, located in Starr and Val Verde Counties, respectively.



WATER TREATMENT PROCESS

Our water is transferred from the Rio Grande River by the Irrigation districts into our reservoirs. A reservoir is an artificial lake used to store water. Here in the City of McAllen we have three reservoirs.

- Boeye Reservoir was established in 1958. This reservoir can hold up to 180 million gallons.
- The North Water Plant Reservoir was established in 2004 and can hold 200 million gallons.
- The new Boeye Reservoir was established in 2011 and can hold up to 300 million gallons.

Disinfection

Disinfection is the first step in the water treatment process. In this step we will combine chlorine and sodium chlorite to generate chlorine dioxide. It is then injected into our raw water line where it will kill harmful bacteria.

Secondary Disinfection

A second disinfection process occurs by utilizing chlorine and ammonia to form chloramines. This secondary disinfection process ensures that disinfection is carried out to the distribution systems.

Flocculation

Coagulant is introduced to raw water and mixed rapidly to create a floc. Water will flow through decreasingly slower mixers allowing floc to conglomerate.

Sedimentation

After the flocculation process, water flows into a sedimentation basin. This basin allows the flocculated water to settle. A detention time of at least 6 hours is required to allow the floc to settle. The settled floc called sludge is then collected with a rake system to the center of the basin. The sludge is then disposed of to the lagoons then dewatered and hauled to sanitary landfills.

Filtration

Filtration is the final step in removing suspended matter and chlorine resistant microorganisms such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium. These filters consist of anthracite coal, and two types of sand which are coarse and fine and various sizes of gravel, which are layered on top of an under drain system.

Pumping and Storage

After the treatment process, the water is sent to storage domes which can hold up to 2 million gallons each. From there, we have high service pumps that push up to 30 million gallons in the system, including the water towers. These water towers store up to 6.75 million gallons of water.





RESULTADOS DE LA PRUEBA DE CALIDAD DEL AGUA

BACTERIAS COLIFORMES

Meta del Nivel Máximo de Contaminante	Nivel máximo de contención de coliformes totales	El más alto número de positivos	Nivel máximo de coliformes fecales o E. coli	Total no. de coliformes fecales positivos o Muestras de E. Coli	Violación	Procedencia del contaminante
0	5% de las muestras mensuales son positivas.	0	0%	0	No	Presente en el tracto digestivo del suelo, agua, humanos y animales

PLOMO Y COBRE

Plomo y Cobre	Fecha de muestra	MCLG	Action Level (AL) (MCL)	90 ° percentil	Rango de Individual	Unidades	Violación	Procedencia del contaminante
Cobre	09/01/2018	1.30	1.30	0.01743	0.0051-0.2368	ppm	No	Corrosión de la tubería doméstica, erosión de depósitos naturales.
Plomo	09/01/2018	0.015	0.0022	0.0004-0.0037	0.0004-0.0037	ppm	No	Corrosión de la tubería doméstica, erosión de depósitos naturales.

CONTAMINANTES REGULADOS

Técnica de tratamiento o TT: un proceso requerido para reducir el nivel de un contaminante en el agua potable.

Productos derivados de la desinfección	Fecha de muestra	Nivel más alto detectado	Rango de muestras individuales	MCLG	MCL	Unidades	Violación	Procedencia del contaminante
Clorito	2019	0.586	0.165-0.586	0.8	1.0	ppm	No	Subproducto de la desinfección del agua potable.
Ácidos Haloacéticos (HAA5)	2019	.0151	.0109-.0151	Sin objetivo para el total	.06	ppm	No	Subproducto de la desinfección del agua potable.
Trihalometanos totales (TTHM)	2019	.037	.0256-.037	Sin objetivo para el total	.08	ppm	No	Subproducto de la desinfección del agua potable.

Contaminantes Inorgánicos	Fecha de muestra	Nivel más alto detectado	Rango de muestras individuales	MCLG	MCL	Unidades	Violación	Procedencia del contaminante
Arsenico	2019	.002	.002-.002	0.0	.01	ppm	No	Erosión de depósitos naturales; Aguas contaminadas por desechos provenientes de huertas y la de producción de vidrio y la electrónica.
Bario	2019	0.0993	.0936-0.0993	2.0	2.0	ppm	No	Efluentes de desechos de perforación o de refinerías de metales, erosión de depósitos naturales.
Cianuro	2019	.12	0.11-0.12	2.0	2.0	ppm	No	Efluentes de las fábricas de acero y metales; efluentes de fábricas de plásticos y fertilizantes
Fluoruro	2019	0.53	0.53-0.53	4.0	4.0	ppm	No	Erosión de depósitos naturales; aditivo para fomentar la salud dental; efluentes de fabricas de fertilizantes y de aluminio
Nitrato (como N)	2019	0.28	0.10-0.28	10.0	10.0	ppm	No	Aguas contaminadas por el uso de fertilizantes; lixiviación de tanques sépticos y redes de alcantarillados, erosión de depósitos naturales
Selenio	2019	.0034	.0030-.0034	.05	.05	ppm	No	Descarga de refinerías de petróleo y metal; Erosión de depósitos naturales; Descarga de minas.

Radioactivo	Fecha de muestra	Nivel más alto detectado	Rango de muestras individuales	MCLG	MCL	Unidades	Violación	Procedencia del contaminante
Emisores de Beta / fotones	02/13/2018	5.6	5.6-5.6	0	50.0	pCi/L*	No	Desintegración radiactiva de depósitos naturales y artificiales.
Radio combinado 226/228	02/13/2018	<1.0	1.0-<1.0	0	5.0	PCI/L	No	Erosión de depósitos naturales
Alfa excluyendo el radón y el uranio	02/13/2018	1.0	1.0-1.0	0	15.0	pCi/L	No	Erosión de depósitos naturales
Uranio	02/13/2018	2.7	2.7-2.7	0	30.0	ug/l	No	Erosión de depósitos naturales

Disinfectant Residual	Año	Nivel promedio	Rango de niveles detectados	MRDL	MRDLG	Unidades	Violación	Fuente en el agua potable
Cloraminas	2019	3.13	2.88-3.31	4.00	4.00	ppm	No	Aditivo de agua utilizado para controlar los microbios.

Turbidez	Año	Nivel detectado	Límite (técnica de tratamiento)	Violación	Probable fuente de contaminación
Medida única más alta	2019	0.06 NTU	0.3 NTU	No	La escorrentía del suelo.
El menor % mensual cumple con el límite	2019	100%	0.3 NTU	No	La escorrentía del suelo.
Carbono Orgánico Total					
El porcentaje de eliminación de carbono orgánico total (TOC) se midió cada mes y el sistema cumplió con todos los requisitos de eliminación de TOC establecidos, a menos que se observe una violación de TOC en la sección de violaciones.					
Perdida de agua					
En la auditoría de pérdida de agua presentada a la Junta de Desarrollo del Agua de Texas para el período de enero a diciembre de 2019, nuestro sistema perdió un estimado de 10.95% de agua. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la auditoría de pérdida de agua, llame al 956-681-1600.					

Declaración de información: la turbidez es una medida de la nubosidad del agua causada por partículas en suspensión. Lo monitoreamos porque es un buen indicador de la calidad del agua y la efectividad de nuestra filtración.





HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR WATER AT YOUR HOME, SCHOOL, OR BUSINESS?

DIRECTORY

Customer Service:	956-681-1600
Utility Administration:	956-681-1630
Water Plant:	956-681-1700
Waste Water Plant:	956-681-1750
Pretreatment:	956-681-1760
After Hours:	956-681-1717



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1300 W Houston Ave
McAllen, TX 78501

HOURS

Lobby: Monday- Friday
8:00AM to 5:00PM

Drive-Thru: Monday- Friday
7:30AM to 5:30PM

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