

# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our groundwater source is deep wells which draw from the Floridan Aquifer System. The Floridan Aquifer is the source of drinking water for the majority of the water systems in Florida. Talquin treats the water in your system with chlorine for disinfection purposes, filtration to control disinfection byproducts, and polyphosphate to control iron and manganese.

All Talquin Electric's water systems are routinely monitored for contaminants according to federal and state laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period January 1 to December 31, 2019. As authorized and approved by EPA, the state has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old.

The source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes 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. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, contact John Hallas, Talquin Electric's Manager of Water Services, at 850-562-2115. There are no regularly scheduled public meetings related to water services; however, if you wish to meet with a Talquin Electric representative, please call Talquin Electric's water services at the number above to schedule an appointment.



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**2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT**

# WAKULLA COUNTY WATER SYSTEM TEST RESULTS TABLE

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
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Radioactive Contaminants							
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	Nov-Dec 2017	N	3.2	1.5-3.2	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 or combined radium (pCi/l)	Sep 2014-Nov2017	N	1.8	0.4-1.8	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants							
Antimony (ppb)	Nov-Dec 2017	N	0.4	ND-0.4	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic (ppb)	Nov-Dec 2017	N	1.2	0.4-1.2	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	Nov-Dec 2017	N	0.017	0.0061-0.017	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	Nov-Dec 2017	N	0.2	ND-0.2	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	Nov-Dec 2017	N	0.12	ND-0.12	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level 0.7 ppm
Selenium (ppb)	Nov-Dec 2017	N	1.6	ND-1.6	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	Nov-Dec 2017	N	34	3.9-34	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely source of contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	June-Sept. 2017	N	0.258	0 of 21	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	June-Sept. 2017	N	2	0 of 21	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products (DDBP)							
Disinfectant or Contamination and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely source of contamination
Chlorine (ppm) (Stage 1)	Jan.-Dec. 2019	N	1.21	0.8-1.4	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five)(HAA5)(ppb)	Jan.-Oct 2019	N	22.56 (avg)	10.47-25.37	N/A	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [total trihalomethanes](ppb)	Jan.-Oct. 2019	N	82.5 (avg) Highest LRAA At 47 Reservation Ct.	ND-111.61	N/A	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

We had an MCL violation for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) in 2019 at 49 West Point Drive. 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 systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Talquin has installed well filtration systems to treat the raw water at Talquin Wakulla County well sites. We completed this project in the first quarter of 2020. Talquin has increased flushing within the water system in an effort to reduce water age and improve water quality. Mixers have been installed within the elevated storage tanks to further improve water quality and reduce TTHM formation.

<p>In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the following definitions:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or 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.</p> <p>Maximum residual disinfectant level or 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.</p> <p>Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.</p>	<p>Non-detect or "ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.</p> <p>Non applicable (n/a). Does not apply.</p> <p>Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.</p> <p>Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.</p> <p>Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l) – one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.</p> <p>Picocurie per liter (pCi/l) - measure of the radioactivity in water.</p> <p>Many of our systems have a natural occurring trace of fluoride in the source water. No fluoride is added.</p> <p>The Wakulla County Water System is provided water from 3 wells.</p>
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Unregulated Contaminants				
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	Level Detected (average)	Range	Likely Source of Contamination
Bromide (ppb)	May-Nov 2019	192.6	27.2-380.0	Unavailable
Manganese (ppb)	May-Nov 2019	15.7	0.6-26.0	Unavailable
HAA5 (ppb)	May-Nov 2019	11.5	19.7-12.6	Unavailable
HAA6Br (ppb)	May-Nov 2019	27.6	18.6-44.7	Unavailable
HAA9 (ppb)	May-Nov 2019	31.7	21.9-47.0	Unavailable
Total Organic Carbon (ppb)	May-Nov 2019	1059.7	1000-1137.1	Unavailable

We monitored for unregulated contaminants (UCs) in 2019 as part of a study to help the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determine the occurrence in drinking water of UCs and whether or not these contaminants need to be regulated. At present, no health standards (for example, maximum contaminant levels) or likely sources have been established for UCs. However, we are required to publish the analytical results of our UC monitoring in our annual water quality report. All detections are shown on the table, but if you would like a copy of all our 2019 UC data, contact this water system at the number provided in this report.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) 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.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) 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.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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. Talquin Electric 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 Water Hotline or <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Due to laboratory sampling scheduling, our office was unable to timely submit DDBP quarterly data, a report required under the Safe Drinking Water Act. This violation has no impact on the quality of the water our customers received, and it posed no risk to public health. The report was due in July 2018 but was delivered in August 2018. We have established a new sampling schedule to ensure that all reporting requirements are met in the future.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

We are monitoring the two 6-month periods of 2019 for unregulated contaminants (UCs) as part of a study to help the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determine the occurrence in drinking water of UCs and whether or not these contaminants need to be regulated. As we have not received all the results yet, they will be displayed as required in our 2019 Water Quality Report. However, if you would like a copy of those results sooner, please contact John Hallas at 850-514-4713 to get a copy as soon as they are received by us. If you would like more information on the EPA's Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule, please call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

**Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised 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/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.**

2019 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp) or they may be obtained from John Hallas at (850) 562-2115.