



2023 Consumer Confidence Report
DRINKING WATER

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Remote Training Site Warner Springs (SERE Camp)
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OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING SAFE DRINKING WATER

Naval Base Coronado (NBC) is pleased to present our Water Quality Report, also referred to as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR is an annual report containing data from water-quality testing performed during the past year and may include earlier monitoring data for some constituents.

Last year, the water delivered to you met all USEPA and State Board drinking water health standards. Details within provide information on where we get our water, what is in your water, and how it compares to state standards that are considered safe for the public.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse Remote Training Site Warner Springs (SERE Camp) Water System #3710706 a kevin.b.dixon.civ@us.navy.mil para asistirlo en español.

Where do we get our water from?

Remote Training Site Warner Springs (RTSWS), formerly known as SERE Camp, utilizes raw groundwater from the Warner Valley Ground Water Basin as their drinking water supply. Groundwater is pumped from a well, and is treated with chlorine before it enters the drinking water distribution system at RTSWS. We continuously monitor for water quality parameters at our wells and the distribution system to ensure we maintain drinking quality standards.

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 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, that 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, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

How do I know it's safe?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Board prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Southwest conducts routine compliance sampling at RTSWS at both the wells and from the water distribution system on a monthly and quarterly basis to ensure water delivered to consumers is safe to drink.

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. U.S. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (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).

What about Lead?

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead that may be found in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and plumbing. Naval Base Coronado is responsible for providing high quality drinking water; however, there may be an unknown variety of materials used in plumbing components installed historically. The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act (RLDWA) went into effect on January 4, 2014. The RLDWA has reduced the lead content allowed in water system and plumbing products by changing the definition of lead-free in Section 1417 of the SDWA from not more than 8% lead content, to not more than a weighted average of 0.25% lead with respect to the wetted surfaces of pipes, pipe fittings, plumbing fittings, and plumbing fixtures. The SDWA prohibits the use of these products in the installation or repair of any public water system or facility providing water for human consumption if they do not meet the lead-free requirement. Installation utility personnel have implemented a lead service line inventory requirement and have not yet found any lead service lines as part of the investigation.

How can I minimize exposure to lead?

- **Flush.** It is always a good idea to flush your faucet at work and/or at home, especially when water has been sitting for several hours (i.e. overnight or over a weekend). You can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes prior to utilizing for consumption. You may need to flush longer if your building has recently been shut down or experienced reduced occupancy. Contact your Facility Manager or Assistant Public Works Officer for flushing guidance.
- **Use cold water.** Hot water dissolves lead more quickly than cold water, so use cold water to prepare food and drinks.
- **Clean your aerator.** Debris can be trapped on the aerator screens on water outlets containing metals, especially if construction or plumbing work may have occurred in your area. Simply twist off the aerator, tap and clean any debris which may be caught on the filtration screen, and reinstall.
- For more information regarding the Navy's Lead and Copper Rule Sampling Program, please visit <https://cnsw.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Environmental-Support/Drinking-Water-Quality-Information/Lead-and-Copper-Rule-Sampling-program/>.
- Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

What are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and where do they come from?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of thousands of man-made chemicals. PFAS have been used in a variety of industries and consumer products around the globe, including in the U.S., since the 1940s. PFAS have been used to make coatings and products that are used as oil and water repellents for carpets, clothing, paper packaging for food, and cookware. They are also contained in some foams (aqueous film-forming foam or AFFF) currently used for fighting petroleum fires at airfields and in industrial fire suppression processes. PFAS chemicals are persistent in the

environment and some are persistent in the human body – meaning they do not break down and they can accumulate over time.

Is there a regulation for PFAS in drinking water?

On April 10, 2024, the US EPA established MCLs for a subset of PFAS chemicals.

Analyte	PFAS Compound	Final MCLG	Final MCL (enforceable levels)
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	PFOA	Zero	4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) (also expressed as ng/L)
Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid	PFOS	Zero	4.0 ppt
Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid	PFHxS	10 ppt	10 ppt
Perfluorononanoic Acid	PFNA	10 ppt	10 ppt
Hexafluoropropylene Oxide Dimer Acid	HFPO – DA (GenX)	10 ppt	10 ppt
Mixtures of four PFAS: PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS		1 (unitless) Hazard Index	1 (unitless) Hazard Index

EPA requires implementation of sampling in accordance with the new MCLs within three years of the publication date and implementation of any required treatment within five years.

These limits did not apply for the 2023 calendar year because they had not been published. However, the DoD proactively promulgated policies to monitor drinking water for PFAS at all service owned and operated water systems at a minimum of every two years. The DoD policy states that if water sampling results confirm that drinking water contains PFOA and PFOS at individual or combined concentrations greater than the 2016 EPA health advisory (HA) level of 70 ppt, water systems must take immediate action to reduce exposure to PFOS or PFAS. For levels less than 70 ppt but above the 4 ppt level, which was in draft at the time of policy publication, DoD plans to implement the EPA’s published MCLs one they take effect.

Has Remote Training Site Warner Springs tested its water for PFAS in 2023?

Yes. In September 2023 samples were collected from the Main Well and the Quarterdeck (Bldg 1665).

We are informing you that 9 of the 29 PFAS compounds covered by sampling methods 533 and 537.1 were detected above the method reporting limit (MRL). The results are provided in Tables 1.1 and 1.2. EPA does not have a HA or MCL for all these compounds currently. PFNA, HFPO-DA, and regulated PFAS mixture contaminants were not detected. PFOA, PFOS, and PFHxS were detected above the MCL. There is no immediate cause for concern, but we will continue to monitor the drinking water closely.

For regulated PFAS above the new MCL and in accordance with DoD policy, Navy is coordinating with DoD to plan and program operational controls or additional treatment to ensure the drinking water meets the MCLs as soon as practicable at all our impacted installations. NBC is sampling semi-annually to monitor the situation, and periodic updates are available at https://media.defense.gov/2024/Mar/06/2003407316/-1/-1/1/PFAS%20PN_RTSWS.PDF.

Table 1.1 PFAS Compounds Detected – RTSWS Main Well (September 2023)

Analyte	PFAS Compound	Units	Range Detected (ppt)	4-Quarter Average (ppt)	2023 Results (ppt)
Perfluoro-n-butanic Acid	PFBA	ng/L	-	-	4.5
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid	PFHpA	ng/L	-	-	2.2
Perfluoropentanoic Acid	PFPeA	ng/L	-	-	2.1
Perfluoropentane Sulfonic Acid	PFPeS	ng/L	-	-	3.4
Perfluoro-butane Sulfonic Acid	PFBS	ng/L	7 - 11	9.6	11

Perfluoro-hexane Sulfonic Acid	PFHxS	ng/L	29 - 48	36.25	48
Perfluoro Hexanoic Acid	PFHxA	ng/L	6.3 - 11	8.475	11
Perfluoro-octane Sulfonic Acid	PFOS	ng/L	3.7 - 15	5.2	14
Perfluorooctanic Acid	PFOA	ng/L	8.8 - 19	12	19

Table 1.2 PFAS Compounds Detected – RTSWS Quarterdeck (Bldg 1665)

Analyte	PFAS Compound	Units	Range (ppt)	4-Quarter Average (ppt)	2023 Results (ppt)
Perfluoro-n-butanic Acid	PFBA	ng/L	-	-	5.1
Perfluoroheptanoic Acid	PFHpA	ng/L	-	-	2.8
Perfluoropentanoic Acid	PFPeA	ng/L	-	-	4.9
Perfluoropentane Sulfonic Acid	PFPeS	ng/L	-	-	2.6
Perfluoro-butane Sulfonic Acid	PFBS	ng/L	9.2 - 14	9.6	14
Perfluoro-hexane Sulfonic Acid	PFHxS	ng/L	34 - 76	36.25	76
Perfluoro Hexanoic Acid	PFHxA	ng/L	7.6 - 11	8.5	11
Perfluoro-octane Sulfonic Acid	PFOS	ng/L	3.9 - 18	5.25	18
Perfluorooctanic Acid	PFOA	ng/L	11 - 22	12	22

TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

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

CSD MDL (City of San Diego Water Quality Lab method detection limit): Lowest quantifiable concentration of a measured analyte detectable by the lab.

CA Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (CA SMCL): MCL for secondary contaminants under CA regulations.

DLR: Detection limit for reporting

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

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 are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (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 (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.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): Unit of measure for the turbidity of water.

ND: Not detected at testing limit

NL: Notification Level

PFAS: per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances

Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements; these standards are enforceable.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS): MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels and are not enforceable.

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

LRAA: Locational running annual average is a four-quarter average at an individual sample location. The LRAA for each location must be less than the MCL. The highest LRAA of the year detected from all the monitoring locations is indicated on this report and compared to the MCL.

Variations and Exemptions: Permissions from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

ppq: parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

The water quality data for 2023 is summarized in the following tables. RTSWS is a Transient Non-Community Water System and is required to sample for Total and Fecal Coliform on a monthly basis, and Nitrite and Nitrate annually. Additionally, RTSWS also treats their drinking water with chlorine and is required to report chlorine residuals quarterly to ensure drinking water is adequately disinfected. Tables 2 and 3 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected in the treated drinking water during 2023. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State Board allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

TABLE 2 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if bacteria detected)	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria (state Total Coliform Rule)	0 (In a month)	0	≥5% of samples are total coliform positive	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i> (state Total Coliform Rule)	0 (In the year)	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one of these is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive	0	Human and animal fecal waste
<i>E. coli</i> (federal Revised Total Coliform Rule)	0 (In the year)	0	(a)	0	Human and animal fecal waste

(a) Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is *E. coli*-positive or system fails to take repeat samples following *E. coli*-positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for *E. coli*.

TABLE 3 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Year	Level Detected (Average)	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
DISINFECTANT RESIDUAL						
Chlorine Residual (as Cl ₂ ; ppm)	2023	1.63	0.23 – 2.45	4.0	4.0	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
CHEMICAL PARAMETERS						
Nitrate (as Nitrogen; ppm)	2023	0.356	Single Sample	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (ppm)	2023	ND	Single Sample	10	1	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits

Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, NL, or TT

There were no violations for this system in 2023.

Complaints and More Information on Drinking Water

Does the filter on your fountain or faucet need to be changed? Please coordinate with your building monitor or facility manager. Make sure filters are marked with the date they were changed out and keep a log book.

Does your water have an odd taste, color, odor, suspended solids, or do you suspect a water-related illness? Do you want more information about the water you are drinking? Please contact the Naval Base Coronado (NBC) Drinking Water Program Manager at 619-545-1127 or email the NBC Public Affairs Officer at kevin.b.dixon.civ@us.navy.mil if you would like additional information on sampling and monitoring efforts at Remote Training Site Warner Springs.

To access this report electronically, please visit the Commander, Navy Region Southwest website at:

<https://cnrsw.cnrc.navy.mil/Operations-and-Management/Environmental-Support/Drinking-Water-Quality-Information/>.