

EL PASO WATER COMPANY

Consumer Confidence Report – 2007

Covering Calendar Year – 2006



This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are made continually improve their water systems. **To learn more about your drinking water, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings which are held the 4th Tuesday of each month and broadcast on Cox Cable channel 7.** For more information please contact, El Paso Water Company at 316-788-1424.

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above. We purchase surface water from city of Wichita and Valley Center.

Your water is treated to remove several contaminants and a disinfectant is added to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) required states to develop a Source Water Assessment (SWA) for each public water supply that treats and distributes raw source water in order to identify potential contamination sources. The state has completed an assessment of our source water. For results of the assessment, please contact us or view on-line at: <http://www.kdheks.gov/nps/swap/SWreports.html>

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer under going 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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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 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 (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included 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 before we treat it include:
Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, 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 storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.
Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.
Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also

come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, with must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system tested a minimum of 20 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presences in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The tables following below list all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2006 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2006. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is 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.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

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

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.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Testing Results for EL PASO WATER COMPANY

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 TH Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER	2005 - 2007	0.41	0.074 - 0.73	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
LEAD	2005 - 2007	9.7	1.1 - 46	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table following below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2006 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	1.4	1.4	ppb	10.000		Erosion of natural deposits
BARIUM	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	0.036	0.036	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries;
CHROMIUM	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	1.7	1.7	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills
FLUORIDE	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	0.33	0.33	ppm	4	4	Natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
NITRATE (AS N)	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	0.67	0.59 - 0.67	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use
SELENIUM	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	3	3	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits
TURBIDITY	3/22/2005	CITY OF WICHITA	0.33	0.33	NTU	1		Soil runoff

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	88.8	88.8	MG/L	300
ALUMINUM	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	0.013	0.013	MG/L	0.05
CALCIUM	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	25	25	MG/L	200
CARBON, TOTAL ORGANIC (TOC)	1/18/2005	CITY OF WICHITA	6.4	1.54 - 6.4	ppm	10000
CHLORIDE	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	110	110	MG/L	250
CONDUCTIVITY	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	670	670	UMHOS/CM	1500
CORROSIVITY	5/1/2003	CITY OF WICHITA	0.906	0.906	LANG	0
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	120	120	MG/L	400
IRON	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	0.021	0.021	MG/L	0.3
MAGNESIUM	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	14	14	MG/L	150
PH	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	7.5	7.5	PH	8.5
PHOSPHORUS	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	0.023	0.023	MG/L	5
POTASSIUM	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	4.6	4.6	MG/L	100
SILICA	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	6.6	6.6	MG/L	50
SODIUM	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	85	85	MG/L	100
SOLIDS, TOTAL DISSOLVED (TDS)	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	370	370	MG/L	500
SULFATE	3/2/2006	CITY OF WICHITA	74	74	MG/L	250

During the 2006 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.