



Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report

**Hill Drinking Water System on
Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
(JB MDL)**

Public Water System ID No. NJ1511010

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Is my water safe?

Yes. Last year, as in years past, the tap water in the McGuire water system met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) drinking water health standards. Members of the 87th Air Base Wing, 87th Medical Group and 87th Civil Engineer Group vigilantly safeguard water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system is in full compliance with primary water quality standards. This report is being distributed to consumers to provide information, enabling consumers to make personal health-based decisions regarding drinking water consumption. This report provides sampling data for the water system and discusses health concerns for any contaminants detected in the system. The report also provides definitions, so consumers are clear on the terminology discussed. Additional information concerning water consumption anywhere in the United States can be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, toll free at (800) 426-4791.

Where does my water come from?

The Hill drinking water system obtains groundwater from three wells. The wells are screened in the Cohansey Aquifer and the Potomac-Raritan-Magothy Aquifer. The wells range in depth from 50 feet to 990 feet. Total pumping capacity of the wells is approximately 560 gallons per minute (GPM). Water is treated using lime and soda ash to adjust pH, chlorine for disinfection and a greensand filter for iron removal. The system stores 400,000 gallons of water for use at JB MDL - Lakehurst in two water towers. The Hill system serves the area from Route 547 to Westfield Hangar, excluding the Cathedral of the Air, Freedom Park and Building 42.

Source Water Assessments

NJDEP has prepared Source Water Assessment Reports and Summaries for all public water systems. The NJDEP has completed and issued the Source Water Assessment Report and Summary for this public water system, which is available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/swap/index.html>, or by contacting the NJDEP, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at 609-292-5550 or watersupply@dep.nj.gov. Consumers may also contact the personnel in charge of the public water system through the Joint Base Public Affairs office at (609) 754-2104.

Source Water Assessment Summary

The results of the source water assessment performed on our three sources (all groundwater wells) are presented in Table 1. The table illustrates the susceptibility ratings each individual source for each contaminant categories and provides the rating for each well: high, medium, and low for each contaminant category. The Hill system does not have any sources that are classified as ground water under the direct influence of surface water, (GUDI) or surface water and it does not purchase water from other public water systems. The eight contaminant categories are defined below Table 1.

Table 1 – Source Water Assessment Summary

Contaminant	Well 44	Well 48	Well 50
Pathogens	Low	Low	Low
Nutrients	High	High	High
Pesticides	Low	Medium	Medium
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	High	High	High
Inorganics	High	High	High
Radionuclides	High	High	High
Radon	Medium	Medium	Medium
Disinfection Byproducts Precursors (DBPs)	Medium	Medium	Medium

Pathogens: Disease causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.

Nutrients: Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorous.

VOCs: Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) and vinyl chloride.

Pesticides: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds, and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine and insecticides such as chlordane.

Inorganics: Mineral based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.

Radionuclides: Radioactive substances are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.

Radon: Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment.

DBPs: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectant (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens reacts with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water. Examples include Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) & Haloacetic Acids (HAA5).

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contamination category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

NJDEP found the following potential contaminant sources within the source water assessment areas for our sources. All potential contaminant sources are on the base:

1. Solid and hazardous waste handling and transfer facilities.
2. Closed solid waste landfill.
3. Septic tanks.
4. Urban, commercial, and industrial land use.
5. Distance of the wells to wetlands.
6. The Golf Course.
7. Population density.
8. Density of known contaminated sites, and NJDEP permitted surface water discharges.

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides – they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's "Adopt Your Watershed" to locate groups in your community or visit the Watershed Information Network's "How to Start a Watershed Team."
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Sources of Drinking Water Contamination

Sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) may 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. Regulated substances 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 compounds, including synthetic and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), 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 the result of oil/gas production and mining activities
- 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) used for fighting petroleum fires at airfields and in industrial fire suppression processes because they rapidly extinguish fires, saving lives and protecting property. 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. (See Page 5 of this report for additional information.)

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. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. Table 2 summarizes the regulated analyses and monitoring frequencies for the wells (Points of Entry) and Distribution System servicing the Lakehurst area.

Table 2 – Regulated Substances and Monitoring Frequency

Regulated Substance	TP001001	TP002011	Distribution System
Total Coliform, Free Available Chlorine	NA	NA	Monthly
pH	Every 2 weeks	Every 2 weeks	2 samples every 6 months
Nitrates	Annually	Annually	NA
Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	NA	NA	Annually
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	NA	NA	Annually
Inorganics	Every 3 years (2024)	Every 3 years (2024)	NA
Secondary	Every 3 years (2024)	Every 3 years (2024)	NA
VOCs / SOCs	Every 3 years (2024)	Every 3 years (2024)	NA

Radiologicals	Every 3 years (2024)	Every 3 years (2024)	NA
Lead and Copper	NA	NA	20 Samples every 6 months
Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (Regulated PFAS)	Quarterly	Annually (1 st Quarter)	NA

TP = Treatment Point and the number is the designation assigned by the NJDEP for that treatment center where water is treated prior to entering the distribution system.

The Safe Drinking Water Act regulations allow monitoring waivers to reduce or eliminate the monitoring requirements for asbestos, VOCs, and synthetic organic compounds (SOCs). The Hill system has received a reduced sampling frequency for VOCs and SOCs because prior sampling events have demonstrated that these substances were not detected in our source water.

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 (1-800-426-4791).

Parts per million (ppm), parts per billion (ppb), and parts per trillion (ppt) are the most used terms to describe very small amounts or trace levels of chemicals of concern in our drinking water.

- One ppm is also expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/L), the equivalent of four drops of impurity in a 55-gallon barrel of water or one minute in two years.
- One ppb is also expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/L), the equivalent of one drop of impurity in 500 barrels of water or 1 cent out of \$10 million.
- One ppt is also expressed as nanograms per liter (ng/L), the equivalent of one drop of impurity in 500,000 barrels of water or traveling 6 inches out of a 93-million-mile journey toward the sun.

Additional 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. JB MDL 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 is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

JB MDL participated in lead and copper monitoring in 2022. In accordance with NJDEP regulation, the 90th percentile of sample results are required to be at or below the Action Level (AL), which is 15 ppb. Of the 40 samples collected in 2022 for lead, the 90th percentile result was 0.005 ppb. The AL for copper by regulation is 1,300 ppb. Of the 40 samples collected in 2022 for copper, the 90th percentile result was 210 ppb.

Additional Information for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

PFAS compounds are a subset of man-made compounds containing approximately 6,000 chemicals formed from carbon chains with fluorine attached to these chains. PFAS are part of a group of the most extensively produced and studied chemicals and are currently classified as unregulated or “emerging” contaminants.

In May 2016, the EPA issued health advisory level (HAL) for Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) at 70 parts per trillion (ppt), equivalent to nanograms per liter (ng/L). When both PFOA and PFOS are found in drinking water, the combined concentrations of PFOA and PFOS (both chemicals are types of PFAS) should be compared with the 70 parts per trillion health advisory level.

Detected levels of PFOS/PFOA exceeded the Lifetime health advisory level (LHA) in backup wells 5 and 9A only in 2016. The primary well that feeds the water system had no detection for PFOS/PFOA. Those backup wells were not in regular use, but were activated from December 2-20, 2016, while service was being conducted on the primary deep well. Wells 5 and 9A were emergency backup wells only and an ion exchange unit was installed to remove PFAS. These wells are disconnected and decommissioned (sealed) from the system, as of 2023. A new deep well (Well 50) has been constructed to replace wells 5 and 9A and is providing water to Lakehurst population; effective 13 March 2023.

In 2018, the NJDEP established health based Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for PFNA, PFOA and PFOS and has identified these three analytes as “Regulated PFAS”. The MCLs are 13 ppt for PFNA and PFOS, and 14 ppt for PFOA. **Regulated PFAS were below the detection limit in the Lakehurst Water System for 2023.** Results of sampling are provided in Table 4.

In 2020, the DoD promulgated a policy to monitor drinking water for PFAS at all service owned and operated water systems at a minimum of every three 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 HAL of 70 ppt, water systems would quickly undertake additional sampling to assess the level, scope, and localized source of contamination, and take action to reduce exposure to PFOS or PFAS. DoD is continuing to evaluate its efforts to address PFAS in drinking water, and what actions we can take to be prepared to incorporate this standard, such as reviewing our current data and collecting additional sampling where necessary. We remain committed to fulfilling our cleanup responsibilities, operating within the law and authorities provided by the federal cleanup law, and clearly communicating and engaging with our communities.

In June 2022, the EPA issued interim updated drinking water health advisories to 0.004 ppt for PFOA and 0.02 ppt for PFOS, with a minimum reporting level of 4 ppt. The current SWDA for NJDEP are 14 ppt for PFOA and 13 ppt for PFOS. EPA moved forward with proposing a PFAS National Drinking Water Regulation in fall 2022.

At the same time, EPA also issued final health advisories for two other PFAS, perfluorobutane sulfonic acid and its potassium salt (PFBS) and for hexafluoropropylene oxide (HFPO) dimer acid and its ammonium salt (“GenX chemicals”). In chemical and product manufacturing, GenX chemicals are considered a replacement for PFOA, and PFBS is considered a replacement for PFOS.

As of December 2023, there was currently no established federal water quality regulation for any PFAS compounds. On April 10, 2024, EPA announced the final National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six PFAS. To inform the final rule, EPA evaluated over 120,000 comments submitted by the public on the rule proposal, as well as considered input received during multiple consultations and stakeholder engagement activities held both prior to and following the proposed rule. EPA expects that over many years the final rule will prevent PFAS exposure in drinking water for approximately 100 million people, prevent thousands of deaths, and reduce tens of thousands of serious PFAS-attributable illnesses. EPA finalized a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) establishing legally enforceable levels, called Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), for six PFAS in drinking water. PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA as contaminants with individual MCLs, and PFAS mixtures containing at least two or more of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS using a Hazard Index MCL to account for the combined and co-occurring levels of these PFAS in drinking water. EPA also finalized health-based, non-enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) for these PFAS.

Compound	EPA Final MCLG (ppt)	EPA Final MCL (ppt)	NJDEP 2018 & 2020 MCLs (ppt)
PFOA	Zero	4.0	14
PFOS	Zero	4.0	13
PFNA	10	10	13
PFHxS	10	10	N/A
HFPO-DA (commonly known as Gen X Chemicals)	10	10	N/A
Mixtures containing two or more of PFNA, PFHxS, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	1 (unitless) Hazard Index	1 (unitless) Hazard Index	N/A

For more information on how EPA manages the unregulated or “emerging” contaminants, refer to: UCMR - <https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/learn-about-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>

For more information on drinking water health advisories for PFOS and PFOA, refer to:
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>

Reporting Requirements Not Met for Hill Water System

Our water system violated drinking water requirements over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, you, our customers, have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct these situations.

We are required to submit an annual Lead Service Line Replacement Plan and annual progress report detailing how the water system intends to replace all lead service lines within our drinking water system to the State for the period beginning 08/01/2023. These were not submitted by the deadline, but compliance was achieved 07 Feb 2024.

We are required to submit a compliance sampling report for the Water Quality Parameters (WQP) Optimal Monitoring for Lead & Copper Rule for the period 07/01/2023 to 12/31/2023 for the following sample point ID: TP001001 (Main Complex Area WTP). After optimal corrosion control parameters have been established, public community and non-transient, non-community water systems must monitor for water quality parameters at a frequency specified in 40 CFR 141.87, and submit the report to the Department within the first ten days of the month following the month in which any test, measurement, or analysis is made, or the first ten days following the end of the required monitoring period, whichever of these is shortest, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:10-5.4(a) and [40 CFR 141.87(d)]. We were notified of this NOV on May 01, 2024. The pH and alkalinity samples were collected by the deadline but were not submitted to the State. Those pH and alkalinity water quality samples were within limits. It was resolved by the Certified Laboratory uploading the report (of the samples taken on time on Aug 02, 2023) on June 04, 2024.

We are required to notify the residents of the results of the lead tap sampling monitoring conducted under the Lead Consumer Notice (LCR) for Lead & Copper Rule for the period beginning 09/29/2023. All water systems must provide a notice of the individual tap results from lead tap water monitoring carried out under the requirements of 40 CFR 141.86 to the persons served by the water system at the specific sampling site from which the sample was taken and the certification must meet the content requirements of 40 CFR 141.85(d)3; this notice must be provided no later than 30 days after learning of the tap monitoring results, in accordance with [40 CFR 141.85(d)] The samples were collected by the deadline but the results were not distributed to the residents.

What should you do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. The Lakehurst water supply is safe and there is no required action needed by the consumer.

What is being done?

NJDEP requires WQP Optimal Monitoring Optimal Monitoring for Lead & Copper Rule. The error was corrected and will be automatically uploaded by the Certified Laboratory going forward.

NJDEP requires an annual Lead Service Line Replacement Plan and annual progress report detailing how the water system intends to replace all lead service lines within our drinking water system. We have corrected the error and plan to maintain timely reporting going forward.

NJDEP requires all water systems to provide a notice of the individual tap results from lead tap water monitoring carried out under the requirements of 40 CFR 141.86 to the persons served by the water system at the specific sampling site from which the sample was taken and the certification must meet the content requirements of 40 CFR 141.85(d)3; this notice must be provided no later than 30 days after learning of the tap monitoring results. We have corrected the error by completed the current cycle of sampling, distributing the results to the residents and notifying the State within the required timeframe. We will maintain timely reporting going forward.

For more information, please contact Mr. Neil Thornton at 609-754-1809 or Ms. Tiffany Sollog at 609-754-9057, 3458 Neely Road, JBMDL, NJ 08641.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Water Quality Data Tables

To ensure tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in drinking water. Tables 3 and 4 below list the drinking water monitoring results for the calendar year of the report unless otherwise noted. The EPA and the state require monitoring for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of the data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Tables 5 and 6 provide a comprehensive listing of abbreviations and definitions for terms found throughout this document which might not be familiar to the average consumer.

Table 3 – Water Monitoring Results

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. 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 (1-800-426-4791).									
Disinfectant									
Contaminants (Units)	Location	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	LRAA	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
					Low	High			
Chlorine (as Cl ₂ , ppm) (Monthly Range)	N/A	4.0	4.0	N/A	0.17	0.41	2023	No	Drinking water disinfectant ¹

Disinfectant Precursors and Byproducts (cont'd)								
Contaminants (Units)	Location	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	LRAA	Result	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (µg/L)	5	NA	80	0.006	5.98	2023	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection ¹
	307			0.015	15.1	2023	No	
Halo-Acetic Acids (HAA5) (µg/L)	5	NA	60	0.002	0.00156	2023	No	
	307			0.003	0.0032	2023	No	
1. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. 2. µg/L=micrograms of contaminant per liter of water, equivalent to ppb (parts per billion).								

Nitrate							
Contaminants (Units)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Results		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
			Low	High			
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	10	<0.1	1.2	2023	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
*mg/L=milligrams of contaminant per liter of water, equivalent to ppm (parts per million).							

Microbiological							
Contaminants (Units)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Results		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
			Negative	Positive			
Total Coliform (positive samples/months) ^{2,3}	0	0	36	0	2023	No	Human or animal fecal waste
1. A violation occurs when a routine sample and a repeat sample, in any given month, are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive. 2. If a system collecting fewer than 40 samples per month has two or more positive samples in one month, the system has an MCL violation.							

Regulated PFAS				
Contaminant (Units)	MCL (ppt)	TP001001 Result	TP002011 Result	Monitoring Year
		Result	Result	
PFNA (ppt)	13	-	< 2	2023
PFOS (ppt)	13	-	< 2	2023
PFOA (ppt)	14	-	< 2	2023
PFNA = Perfluorononanoic acid; PFOS = Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid; PFOA = Perfluorooctanoic acid				

Lead and Copper							
Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	AL	Sample Date*	90th Percentile value	Exceeds AL	# Samples Exceeding AL	Typical Source
Lead (ppb)	0	15	1/1/23 - 6/30/23	1.9	No	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
			7/1/23 - 12/31/23	2	No	0	
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	1/1/23 - 6/30/23	0.2	No	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
			7/1/23 - 12/31/23	0.4	No	0	
* Due to missing data for pH during 2022 monitoring period, this system was placed into standard routine sampling protocol which calls for 20 samples in the first and second half of 2022 and 2023.							

Table 4 – Secondary⁴ and Unregulated⁵ Contaminants (No MCL Established)

Secondary Group/ Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule*				
Secondary Contaminant ⁴ (Units)	Recommended Upper Limit (RUL)	Range		Date of Monitoring
		Low	High	
Alkalinity (ppm)	N/A	60	96	2023
pH	8.5	7.12	8.2	2023
Temperature	N/A	12.5	18.7	2022
<p>4. Secondary contaminant Recommended Upper Limits (RULs) are established as guidelines to assist public water systems in managing their drinking water for aesthetic considerations, such as taste, color, and odor. These contaminants are not considered to present a risk to human health and are not enforced by the NJDEP or the EPA.</p> <p>5. Unregulated contaminant monitoring (UCMR) helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the agency should consider regulating those contaminants in the future. Monitoring for UCMR was required for 2023. The next round of UCMR-6 sample collection is in 2028.</p>				

Table 5 – Unit Descriptions

Term	Definition
<	Less than the lowest detectable concentration for the specific approved analysis method used, the result can be considered zero
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)
positive samples	positive samples/year: the number of positive samples
NA	not applicable
ND	not detected
NR	monitoring not required but recommended
pCi/L	pico-Curies (pCi) of contaminant per Liter of water – One pCi is one trillionth of a Curie; a Curie is a measurement of the rate at which a radioactive material will decay.

Table 6 – Drinking Water Definitions

Term	Definition
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: 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.
RUL	Recommended Upper Limit: NJDEP
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal: 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
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: 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.
MNR	Monitored, Not Regulated
MPL	Maximum Permissible Level: State-assigned
LHA	Lifetime health advisory levels (LHAs) are not regulatory standards. LHAs identify the concentration of a chemical of concern in drinking water at and below which adverse health effects are not anticipated to occur over specific exposure durations (e.g., 1 day, 10 days, a lifetime).
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference – try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5-minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair, and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your children about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill.
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

How can I get involved?

This Consumer Confidence Report was prepared by the Joint Base Water Working Group members from the 87th Medical Group and the 87th Civil Engineer Group. For more information, call the Joint Base Public Affairs office at (609) 754-2104, Bioenvironmental Engineering at (609) 754-9057 or Civil Engineering at (609) 754-1809. Copies of this report are available in the following locations: Base Library, United Communities Housing Office, Warfighter and Family Readiness Center and the Bioenvironmental Engineering, and Civil Engineering Offices.

The public website for the JBMDL installation posted links to the reports here:

<https://www.jbmdl.jb.mil/Activity-Feed/About-Us/Environmental-Publications/Consumer-Confidence-Report/>