2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2024

Public Water System ID Number: 1070034 BETHEL PLANT

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Copper	2024	1.3	1.3	0.194	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Lead Service Line Inventory

A service line inventory has been completed and no reportable lead and galvanized line was found to be present at this well site that required replacement.

2024 Water Quality Test Results

Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
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Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2024	0.0126	0.0126 - 0.0126	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfectant Residual

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X 100 mm	Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2024	0.0331	0.0331 - 0.0331	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfectant Residual

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Lead	09/01/2022	0	15	1.5	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Lead Service Line Inventory

	Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
SCORES LAND	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2024	15	10 - 13.8	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
SOUND THE PERSON	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2024	90	45.5 - 63.7	No goal for the total	80	ppb	Y	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

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ALCOHOLD MINE	Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
	Barium	04/07/2022	0.031	0.031 - 0.031	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
17 PA NEW SERVICES	Fluoride	2024	0.183	0.183 - 0.183	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
	Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2024	0.0601	0.0601 – 0.0601	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfectant Residual

Disinfectant Residual	Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Violation	Source in Drinking Water
Free Chlorine	2024	1.07	0.91 – 1.25	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Violations

Total Trihalomethan	ies (TTHM)		
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
MCL, LRAA	01/01/24	03/31/2024	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called a maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated.
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Lead Service Line Inventory

A service line inventory has been completed and no reportable lead and galvanized line was found to be present at this well site that required replacement.

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Lead & Copper Rule

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Violation	Violation	Violation	Violation Explanation
Type	Begin	End	
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^{*} The EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

Disinfectant Residual

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Coliform Bacteria

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ĺ	Contaminant	Maximum	of Positive	E. Coli Maximum	E. Coli or Fecal		Contamination
į	Level Goal	Contaminant Level		Contaminant	Coliform Samples		
j	0	1 positive monthly	1		0	N	Naturally present in the
		sample.					environment

2024 Water Quality Test Results

Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
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Violations

E. Coli

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Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
MONITORGWR TRIGGERED/ADDITIONAL, MAJOR FAILURE TO CONDUCT A LEVEL 2 ASSESSMENT OR CORRECTIVE ACTION RELATED TO E. COLI	05/02/2024	06/26/2024	We failed to collect follow-up samples within 24-hours of learning of the total coliform-positive sample. These needed to be tested for fecal indicators from all sources that were being used at the time. The positive sample was collected and conduct the required assessment.



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Public Participation Opportunities

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Location: 6435 State Highway 19 N

Athens, TX 75752

Phone #: 903-675-8466

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Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	<u>Location</u>
10 - Ott Plant	GW	Α	13740 County Road 3507 Athens, TX 75752

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	Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
WITH COLUMN	Copper	06/21/2023	1.3	1.3	0.177	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Company of the last	Lead	06/21/2023	0	15	1.88	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Lead Service Line Inventory

A service line inventory has been completed and no reportable lead and galvanized line was found to be present at this well site that required replacement.

	Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2024	6	5.6 - 5.6	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
The second second	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2024	20	19.9 - 19.9	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

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Fluoride	07/12/2023	0.0686	0.0686 - 0.0686	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2024	0.0437	0.0437 – 0.0437	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

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Benzene	2024	1	1.1 – 1.1	0	5	ppb	N	Discharge from factories; Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills.

Disinfectant Residual

Disinfectant Residual	Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Violation	Source in Drinking Water
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2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2024

Public Water System ID Number: 1070258 LAKE PLANT

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

For more information contact Cody Rayburn at 903-675-8466.

Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en espanol, favor de llamar al telefono 903-675-8466.

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