



# Annual Water Quality Report

WATER TESTING PERFORMED IN 2015

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY ID: LA1061017

## Our Mission Continues

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2015. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our Water Sources are:

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL NO. 10	Ground Water
WELL NO. 6	Ground Water
WELL NO. 4	Ground Water
WELL NO. 9	Ground Water
WELL NO. 1	Ground Water
WELL #8	Ground Water
WELL NO. 2	Ground Water
WELL NO. 5	Ground Water
WELL NO. 7	Ground Water
WELL NO 3 LA TECH	Ground Water

## Substances That Could Be in Water

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 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, 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 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive Contaminants** - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'MEDIUM'. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

## QUESTIONS?

For more information about this report, or for any questions relating to your drinking water, please contact Carl Mark Johnson, Water Production and Treatment Supervisor, by telephone at (318) 251-8611, by fax at (318) 242-7708, or by email at [cjohnson@ruston.org](mailto:cjohnson@ruston.org).

## Source Water Assessment

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 which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact Carl Johnson at 318-251-8633.

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. Ruston Water System 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 Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2015. 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.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

### Definitions

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant 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.

**NA:** Not applicable

**ppb (parts per billion):** One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

**ppm (parts per million):** One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

<u>Compliance Period</u>	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Type</u>
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2015		

## Sampling Results

Our water system tested a minimum of 25 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. During the monitoring period covered by this report, we had the following noted detections for microbiological contaminants:

<u>Microbiological</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2015				

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

<u>Regulated Contaminants</u>	<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Highest Value</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
ARSENIC	1/21/2014	1	1	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
DALAPON	1/6/2014	1.388	1.388	ppb	200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE	1/21/2014	2	0.52 - 2	ppb	6	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
FLUORIDE	1/21/2014	0.2	0.1 - 0.2	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
CHLORINE	2015	0.97	0.5-1.3	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

<u>Contaminants</u>	<u>Result value</u>	<u>Health Effects Language if exceeded</u>
Chlorine MRDL	Highest running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of monthly samples	Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.

<u>Radionuclides</u>	<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Highest Value</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>MC L</u>	<u>MCL G</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2015							

<u>Lead and Copper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>90<sup>TH</sup> Percentile</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>AL</u>	<u>Sites Over AL</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
COPPER	2011 - 2013	0.1	0.1 - 0.2	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2011 - 2013	1	1 - 2	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MC L	MCL G	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	3600 ST. TRENTON STREET	2015	3	1 - 4.8	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	BARRETT SPRINGS AND LAKEVIEW	2015	6	5.6 - 8.1	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	MINDEN ST AND CAROLINA ST	2015	4	1.8 - 6.6	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	SANTIAM RD & MCDONALD AVE	2015	4	3.2 - 6.2	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	3600 ST. TRENTON STREET	2015	11	1.4 - 14.2	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	BARRETT SPRINGS AND LAKEVIEW	2015	15	9.9 - 20.5	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	MINDEN ST AND CAROLINA ST	2015	16	4.8 - 21	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	SANTIAM RD & MCDONALD AVE	2015	11	4.2 - 23.4	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
CHLORIDE	1/21/2014	34.2	12 - 34.2	MG/L	250
IRON	1/21/2014	0.25	0.01 - 0.25	MG/L	0.3
PH	1/6/2014	7.82	7.1 - 7.82	PH	8.5
SULFATE	1/6/2014	19	5 - 19	MG/L	250

## Important Health Information

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 (800-426-4791).

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at the Ruston Water System work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.