Dear Customer:

The City of Lockhart is pleased to provide you with this 2014 Water Quality Report. We take all possible precautions to safeguard your water supply and hope you will be encouraged to learn about the high quality of water provided to you.

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires water utilities to issue an annual report to customers, in addition to other notices that may be required by law. This report explains where your drinking water comes from, what it contains, and the health risks our water testing and treatment are designed to prevent.

We are committed to providing you with information about your water supply because informed customers are our best allies in supporting improvements needed to maintain the highest drinking water standards.

We are proud to report that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has assessed our system and determined that your drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state established water quality standards.

The tables in this report list all substances that were detected in our treated water, and the highest level at which they were detected. The tables also reflect the highest levels allowed by federal regulatory agencies. Please read this information carefully and if you have questions, call the numbers listed in this report.

Customer Views Welcome

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En Español

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Special Notice

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Required Additional Health Information

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Where Do We Get Our Drinking Water?

The City of Lockhart receives its water from two sources. Groundwater is pumped from the Wilcox Aquifer and blended with surface water from the San Marcos River treated at the GBRA Luling Water Treatment Plant, operated by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA). The TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of your sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detection of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Sean Kelley at 512-398-3615. Trained operators monitor and test the water, including the addition of fluoride and chlorine, to ensure that our water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards. The treated water is delivered to the city’s water towers and delivered through its distribution system to you. For information on the treatment of your drinking water and water quality protection efforts contact the GBRA Luling Water Treatment Plant at 512-398-3528.

What We Found

The following tables list the contaminants that have been found in your drinking water. USEPA requires water systems to test for more than 97 contaminants. The column marked “Highest Level at Any Sampling Point” shows the highest test results during the year. The “Source of Constituent” column shows where this substance usually originates.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) -** the highest level of the contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCLs set as close as possible to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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

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

**NTU -** Nephelometric Turbidity Units.

**ppm -** parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L).

**ppb -** parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L).

**MRLD -** Maximum Residual Disinfection Level.

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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Total Organic Carbon</td>
<td>1.10</td>
<td>0.50</td>
<td>2.17</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>Naturally occurring, no health effects directly associated.</td>
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**TABLE I - Test results for the GBRA Luling Water Treatment Plant source water**

Total organic carbon (TOC) sampled from source water has no health effects. The disinfectant can combine with TOC to form disinfection byproducts. Disinfection is necessary to ensure that water does not have unacceptable levels of pathogens. Byproducts of disinfection include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs) which are reported elsewhere in this report.

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<td>2014</td>
<td>Fluoride</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>ppm</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>Nitrate</td>
<td>0.24</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>ppm</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Barium</td>
<td>0.09</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits.</td>
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**TABLE II - Test results for the water supply to Lockhart (Sampled at the Lockhart Distribution System)**

E. coli

Reported monthly tests found no E. coli bacteria.

**Inorganics**

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<td>Fluoride</td>
<td>0.35</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>ppm</td>
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<td>Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; runoff from fertilizer use.</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>Chloramines</td>
<td>2.12</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Distribution used to control E. coli.</td>
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**Radioactive Contaminants**

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<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Combined Radionuclides 220/228</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>pCi/L</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits.</td>
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**Disinfection Byproducts**

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<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>Total Halogen Acids</td>
<td>10.5</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td></td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>Total THM's</td>
<td>20.9</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>ppm</td>
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<td>Erosion of drinking water distribution.</td>
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<td>Barium</td>
<td>0.055</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>ppm</td>
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<td>Discharge of drilling wastes; erosion of natural deposits.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>Copper</td>
<td>0.015</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>ppm</td>
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<td>Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of plumbing systems.</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>Fluoride</td>
<td>0.78</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>ppm</td>
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<td>Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; runoff from fertilizer use.</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>Lead</td>
<td>0.0012</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0.015</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td></td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits; corrosion of plumbing systems.</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>Nitrite-Nitrogen</td>
<td>1.12</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>p-Dichlorobenzene</td>
<td>0.70</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>ppm</td>
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<td>Discharge from industrial chemicals.</td>
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**Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. Therefore, their absence from water is a good indication that the water is microbiologically safe for human consumption.**

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. This water supply 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.

Total Coliform bacteria are used as indicators of microbial contamination of drinking water because testing for them is easy. While not disease-causing organisms themselves, they are often found in association with other microbes that are capable of causing disease. Coliform bacteria are more hardy than many disease-causing organisms; therefore, their absence from water is a good indication that the water is microbiologically safe for human consumption.

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