

# City of Slaton

## 2018 Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018.

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

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Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono (806) 828-2000.

### Disinfectant

#### Chlorine

Average level quarterly data: 1.81 (mg/L)

Lowest result of a single sample: 0.44 (mg/L)

Highest result of a single sample: 2.20 (mg/L)

Maximum residual disinfectant level: 4.0 (mg/L)

Maximum residual disinfectant goal: 2.2 (mg/L)

Unit of measure: Milligrams per liter (mg/L)

Source of chemical: Advanced Blending

#### Chloramine

Average level of quarterly data: 1.77 (mg/L)

Lowest result of a single sample: 0.58 (mg/L)

Highest result of a single sample: 2.80 (mg/L)

Maximum residual disinfectant level: 4.0 (mg/L)

Maximum residual disinfectant goal: 2.20 (mg/L)

Unit of measure: Milligrams per liter (mg/L)

Source of chemical: City of Lubbock

## 2018 Consumer Confidence Report for Public Water System CITY OF SLATON

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### Definitions and Abbreviations

Definitions and Abbreviations	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Action Level:	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Action Level Goal (ALG):	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment:	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	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.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	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.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or 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.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	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.
MFL	million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
mrem:	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
na:	not applicable.
NTU	nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### Information about your Drinking 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 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.

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 at (800) 426-4791.

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.

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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we 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

## WATER QUALITY REPORT DATA, 2018

SUBSTANCE	MONITORING DATE*	MCL	HIGHEST LEVEL DETECTED	MCLG	RANGE	SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION	VIOLATION
<b>SUBSTANCES REGULATED AT THE TREATMENT PLANT</b>							
BETA/PHOTON EMITTERS	2017	50 pCi/L*	8.1 pCi/L	0	4.3 - 8.1 pCi/L	Decay of natural and man-made deposits	NO
ALPHA EMITTERS	2017	15 pCi/L	7 pCi/L	0	2 - 7 pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits	NO
URANIUM	2017	30 ppb	4.9 ppb	0	3.5 - 4.9 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits	NO
ARSENIC	2016 - 2018	10 ppb	4 ppb	0	1.4 - 4 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards	NO
BARIUM	2016 - 2018	2 ppm	0.19 ppm	2 ppm	0.098 - 0.19 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits	NO
CHROMIUM	2016 - 2018	100 ppb	2 ppb	100 ppb	0 - 2 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits	NO
SELENIUM	2016 - 2018	50 ppb	2.7 ppb	50 ppb	0 - 2.7 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits	NO
CYANIDE	2016 - 2018	200 ppb	163 ppb	200 ppb	0 - 163 ppb	Discharge from steel/metal, plastic, and fertilizer factories	NO
FLUORIDE	2017 - 2018	4 ppm	1.46 ppm	4 ppm	0.65 - 1.46 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits	NO
NITRATE	2018	10 ppm	1.38 ppm	10 ppm	0.08 - 1.38 ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion	NO
TURBIDITY	2018	TT = 5 NTU TT = % of samples <0.3 NTU	0.22 100%	0	0.01 - 0.22 NTU	Soil runoff	NO
CHLORITE	2018	1 ppm	0.514 ppm	0.8 ppm	0 - 0.514 ppm	By-product of drinking water disinfection	NO^
<b>ADDITIONAL MONITORING</b>							
ALUMINUM	2016 - 2018	0.05-0.2ppm^^	0.14 ppm	N/A	N/A	Water Treatment Chemical	
CHLORIDE	2018	300 ppm ^^	294 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
SULFATE	2018	300 ppm ^^	140 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	2018	1000 ppm^^	850 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
AMMONIA	2018	Not Regulated	0.420 ppm	N/A	N/A	Water Treatment Chemical	
CALCIUM	2018	Not Regulated	53.4 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
MAGNESIUM	2018	Not Regulated	27.7 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
POTASSIUM	2016 - 2018	Not Regulated	5.6 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
SODIUM	2018	Not Regulated	257 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
ZINC	2016 - 2018	5 ppm^^	0.003 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
HARDNESS	2018	Not Regulated	235 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
CONDUCTANCE	2018	Not Regulated	1510 micromhos/cm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	
TOTAL ALKALINITY	2018	Not Regulated	180 ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring	

The state allows us to monitor for some substances less than once per year because the concentrations of these substances do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

\*The MCL for beta/photon emitters is 4 mrem/year. The USEPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta/photon emitters.

^^Secondary Constituent Levels set by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.