



2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Barrineau Public Utilities
S.C. DHEC# 1420002



We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality 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.

Barrineau Public Utility's water source consists of two wells that tap into the Black Creek Aquifer. A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Dawn Green at (843) 389-4001. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Monday of every month at 7 PM in the Barrineau Public Utility Office.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. We have recently gone through our annual system sanitary survey by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control and received the highest of three ratings available again this year.

Barrineau Public Utilities routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2020. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table 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:

- Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- Action Level (AL) – the concentration of a contaminate that, if exceeded. Triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (mg/l) – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Maximum Contaminant Level -the “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is 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 - the “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below that there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- *Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)* - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- *Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (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 (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.

| LEAD AND COPPER TEST RESULTS | | | | | | | | |
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| Lead and Copper | Date Sampled | MCLG | Action Level (AL) | 90 th percentile | # Sites Over AL | Units | Violation (Y/N) | Likely Source of Contamination |
| Copper | 2018 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.094 | 0 | ppm | N | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |
| Lead | 2018 | 0 | 15 | 1.80 | 0 | ppb | N | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |

| Inorganic Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation Y/N | Likely Source of Contamination |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|---------------|---|
| Nitrate (measured at Nitrogen) | 2020 | 0.028 | 0 – 0.028 | 10 | 10 | ppm | N | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride | 2017 | 0.28 | 0.24-0.28 | 4 | 4.0 | ppm | N | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |

| Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation (Y/N) | Likely Source of Contamination |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|-----------------|---|
| Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) | 2020 | LRAA 2.46 | 2.46-2.46 | No goal for the total | 80 | ppb | N | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) | 2020 | 1.60 | 1.60-1.60 | No goal for the total | 60 | ppb | No | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| Chlorine | 2020 | RAA 0.70 | 0.25-1.10 | MRDL 4 | MRDLG 4 | ppm | N | Water additive used to control microbes |

| Other Substances Monitored in Drinking Water | | |
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| NAME | REPORTED LEVEL | RANGE Low - High |
| Sodium 2017 | 30 ppm | 28 – 30 |

What does this mean

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water **IS SAFE** at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring, or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All 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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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. Barrineau Public Utilities 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 drinking 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>.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary to address these improvements.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. To maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments.

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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).