2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT

AGUA FRIA
You’ll hear these words spoken often around EPCOR.

Water. It’s life.
At EPCOR, we’re committed to providing you safe, quality, reliable drinking water every day. It’s our mission, and it’s an honor. Water fuels our daily routine, quenches our thirst and breathes life into our meals.

But we can’t take it for granted. Our water system needs a steward, one who’s there behind the scenes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to manage, maintain and invest in it.

EPCOR takes this responsibility seriously. From daily water quality checks that ensure safety and quality to investing in your water system, we’re ensuring that water will be available for years to come, whether your water source is deep underground or from rivers and lakes.

In addition to monitoring the water that comes out of your tap, we’re also maintaining and improving the miles of pipelines, water mains, wells and hydrants that make up your water system. We’re ensuring that water isn’t wasted, and that it’s a resource that will be there for the long term.

Because every drop matters.

Sincerely,

Joe Gysel
President, EPCOR Water (USA), Inc.

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT’S IN THE WATER YOU’RE DRINKING
As your water service provider, we’re committed to ensuring the quality and safety of that water. That’s why you are receiving this annual water quality report from us. We hope it will help you understand your community’s water a little better and what we’re doing to protect it.

WHAT WILL I FIND IN THIS REPORT?
This report complies with state and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water regulations.

In it you’ll find information on:
- Where your water comes from
- Protecting your water
- What’s in your water

Information in this report is compiled, in part, from analytical data generated by laboratories certified in drinking water analysis.

READ THIS REPORT – AND SHARE IT!
Reading this report and understanding your community’s water is the first step. But it’s also important to share this information with those who might not receive it directly. If you’re a landlord, business, school or hospital, please share this report with water users in your community.

QUESTIONS?
EPCOR Water Customer Care:
1-800-383-0834/mywater@epcor.com
Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.
ABOUT YOUR WATER
AGUA FRIA

ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT
• EPCOR provides water service to nearly 44,000 service connections in the Agua Fria district.
• This service area covers parts of multiple cities and towns in the West Valley of metropolitan Phoenix, as well as master-planned communities in currently unincorporated areas of Maricopa County.

WHERE YOUR WATER COMES FROM
• The Colorado River via the Central Arizona Project (CAP)
• Agua Fria river water captured behind the new Waddell Dam at Lake Pleasant
• Groundwater pumped from the West Salt River Valley (WSRV) Sub-Basin

About your CAP water
• CAP water is primarily comprised of Colorado River water delivered from Lake Havasu via the CAP Canal and then from the Beardsley Canal to the White Tanks Water Treatment Facility.

White Tanks Water Treatment Facility
• The Agua Fria district receives treated, renewable surface water from the White Tanks Water Treatment Facility. The facility utilizes state-of-the-art treatment processes designed to meet current and future water quality requirements. Using a renewable water source is an important step in making our communities more sustainable. In fact, the use of White Tanks saves billions of gallons of Arizona’s limited and precious groundwater each year.

GETTING INVOLVED
Consulting with the community is important to us. If you have a question, concern or suggestion about your local water system, please contact our Customer Care team at 1-800-383-0834.

NOTICE OF SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT
In 2004, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) completed a source water assessment for 15 wells used by EPCOR-Agua Fria. The assessment reviewed the adjacent land uses that may pose a potential risk to the sources. These risks include, but are not limited to, gas stations, landfills, dry cleaners, agriculture fields, wastewater treatment plants and mining activities. Once ADEQ identified the adjacent land uses, they were ranked as to their potential to affect the water sources. The results of the assessment were that six wells had adjacent land uses that posed no risk, 10 wells had one adjacent land use that posed a low risk, and two wells had one adjacent land use that posed a high risk. The complete assessment is available for inspection at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information please contact ADEQ at 602-771-2300.

Additional Information about the groundwater in your area
• The West Salt River Valley (WSRV) Sub-Basin is a broad, gently sloping alluvial plain with the following boundaries:
  • North: Hieroglyphic Mountains and Hedgpeth Hill
  • South: South Mountains, Estrella Mountains and Buckeye Hills
  • West: White Tank Mountains
  • East: Union Hills, Phoenix Mountains and Papago Buttes
• Depth to groundwater in the WSRV Sub-Basin varies from approximately 150 feet to more than 500 feet
• Sources of groundwater recharge include natural recharge from stream flows and along mountain fronts, incidental recharge from agricultural and urban uses, and intentional recharge at constructed recharge facilities such as EPCOR’s Northwest Valley and Verrado recharge facilities.

How We Protect Groundwater Together
Both groundwater and the associated pumping and delivery facilities are part of a complex system that needs not just monitoring, but also maintenance. From pipelines to water mains, wells to hydrants, we’re ensuring that the groundwater supply is protected and accessible.

How You Can Help
Properly dispose of hazardous household chemicals on hazardous material collection days and limit your pesticide and fertilizer use. For information on household hazardous material collection days in your area, contact the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality at 602-771-2300 or Earth911.com.
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO FIND IN YOUR WATER

SOURCES OF 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 land surfaces or through the ground, it can acquire naturally occurring minerals. In some cases it can also acquire radioactive material and 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 these 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 EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

DID YOU KNOW?

- One-Part-Per-Million (mg/L or ppm) is equivalent to one inch in 16 miles.
- One-Part-Per-Billion (ug/L or ppb) is equivalent to a single 4-inch hamburger in a chain of hamburgers long enough to circle the earth at the equator 2.5 times.
- One-Part-Per-Trillion (ng/L or ppt) is equal to a single drop of water being diluted into 20 Olympic-size swimming pools.

ENSURING YOUR WATER IS SAFE
To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. To ensure bottled water is safe to drink, U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

SUBSTANCES THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN SOURCE WATER

- **Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations or wildlife.
- **Inorganic Contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and Herbicides**, may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- **Organic Chemical Contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive Contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO FIND IN YOUR WATER

SPECIAL 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 may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Lead
EPCOR monitored the water for lead and copper in 2016 at 30 residences throughout the community and met the federal lead and copper standards. The 30 houses sampled were representative of the types of houses throughout the system. If your house was sampled you would have received the analysis results. If you weren’t part of the representative sampling and are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home’s water, you may wish to flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water. 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 EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Seasonal changes in hardness and taste
Because your water supply contains both surface water and groundwater, you may experience seasonal changes in the hardness and the taste of your water. The hardness and taste difference between surface water and groundwater is normal and completely safe.

HOME WATER TREATMENT UNITS
Failure to perform maintenance on your home water treatment unit can result in poor water quality. If you installed a home water treatment system such as a water softener or reverse osmosis system, please remember to follow the manufacturer’s instructions on operation and maintenance. For more information, contact the manufacturer of your treatment system for maintenance instructions or assistance. Additional information about home water treatment systems is available from the Water Quality Association at 630-505-0160 or by visiting wqa.org.

DID YOU KNOW?
Tap water costs a lot less than what you pay for other beverages. A gallon of water costs you about 1 penny. Compare that to the cost of a gallon of these beverages*:
- Milk = $3.29/gallon
- Soda = $2.50/gallon
- Orange Juice = $2.55/gallon
- Beer = $15.00/gallon
- Bottled Water = $1.21/gallon
- Wine = $25/gallon

* Costs for milk, orange juice and bottled water obtained from Bureau of Labor Statistics and Beverage Marketing Association reports. Other costs determined by calculating average supermarket pricing for bottles of soda, wine and beer and converting to a gallon.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY IS MY WATER CLOUDY OR MILKY IN APPEARANCE WHEN IT COMES OUT OF THE TAP?
Water that appears cloudy or milky is typically caused by trapped air (very small air bubbles) in the water. If this occurs, simply let the water stand for a few minutes—the air will dissipate leaving a clear glass of water.

WHY IS CHLORINE ADDED TO MY DRINKING WATER?
Chlorine is added to your water for your protection and is used as a disinfectant to ensure that harmful organisms, such as bacteria and viruses, are destroyed in the treatment process.

ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO REMOVE THE CHLORINE TASTE OR SMELL FROM MY WATER?
To remove the taste of chlorine from your water, try these tips:

- Place water in a glass container in the refrigerator overnight, uncovered. This will let the chlorine dissipate.
- Bring your water to a rolling boil for five minutes and let it stand to cool.
- Add a slice of lemon or a few drops of lemon juice to your glass of drinking water.

WILL MY HOME TREATMENT DEVICE REMOVE CHLORINE?
Some home treatment devices can remove chlorine. Once chlorine is removed, the water should be treated like any other beverage product and used as quickly as possible. We recommend that you follow the manufacturer’s instructions for maintaining the device to ensure water quality.
**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

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

**GPG (grains per gallon):** Used to describe the dissolved hardness minerals contained in water and is a unit of weight that equals 1/7,000 of a pound.

**HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids):** Consist of Monochloroacetic Acid, Dichloroacetic Acid, Trichloroacetic Acid, Bromoacetic Acid and Dibromoacetic Acid.

**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.

**MNR:** Monitored, not regulated.

**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.

**ND:** None Detected.

**NTU:** Nephelometric turbidity units.

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

**pCi/L (Picocuries per Liter):** Measurement of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water (also beta particles).

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

**ppt (Parts per Trillion):** One part substance per trillion parts water (or nanograms per liter).

**SMCL (Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level):** Non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic or aesthetic effects in drinking water.

**Total Dissolved Solids:** An overall indicator of the amount of minerals in water.

**TT (Treatment Technique):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes):** Consist of Chloroform, Bromoform, Bromodichloromethane and Dibromochloromethane.

**UCMR (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule):** Unregulated substances are measured, but maximum contaminant levels have not been established by the government.
WHAT’S IN YOUR WATER

HOW TO READ YOUR WATER QUALITY TABLE
Below, you’ll see an analysis of your drinking water. Here’s an example of how to read these tables:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Substance (units)</th>
<th>Year Sampled</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
<th>MCL</th>
<th>Highest Amount Detected</th>
<th>Range of Detections</th>
<th>Compliance Achieved</th>
<th>Typical Sources</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Arsenic (ppb)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9.2</td>
<td>ND - 9.2</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barium (ppm)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>0.14</td>
<td>0.13 - 0.14</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fluoride (ppm)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>0.34</td>
<td>0.28 - 0.34</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
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<tr>
<td>Selenium (ppm)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>3.23</td>
<td>ND - 3.23</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nitrate (ppm)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>2.5 - 3.2</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sodium (ppm)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>MNR</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>97 - 99</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium (pCi/L)</td>
<td>2014</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>3.9</td>
<td>1 - 3.9</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits; Certain minerals contain/emit this radiation form</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Combined Radium (pCi/L)</td>
<td>2014</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>0.9</td>
<td>ND - 0.9</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits; Certain minerals contain/emit this radiation form</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The table shows what substances were detected in your drinking water during 2016 or the last required sampling period within the last five years.

The data shown in the tables below are results from commercial laboratories certified in drinking water analysis by the Arizona Department of Health Services.
### What's in Your Water

#### Turbidity$^{2}$ – A Measure of the Clarity of the Water at the Treatment Facility

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Plant</th>
<th>Year Sampled</th>
<th>TT</th>
<th>Highest Single Measurement</th>
<th>Compliance Achieved</th>
<th>Typical Sources</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Highest single turbidity measurement</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>1 NTU</td>
<td>0.13$^2$</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Soil run-off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>% Monthly samples &lt; 0.3 NTU (%)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>95% of samples &lt; 0.3 NTU</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Soil run-off</td>
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#### Regulated Substances Measured from the Water in the Distribution System

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Substance (units)</th>
<th>Year Sampled</th>
<th>MCLG/ MRDLG</th>
<th>MCL/ MRDL</th>
<th>Highest Running Annual Average</th>
<th>Range of Detections</th>
<th>Compliance Achieved</th>
<th>Typical Sources</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>TTHMs (ppb)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>NA$^1$</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>52.2</td>
<td>ND - 77.2</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>By-product of drinking water disinfection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HAA5 (ppb)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>NA$^1$</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>15.3</td>
<td>ND - 24.9</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>By-product of drinking water disinfection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chlorine residual (ppm)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>0.79</td>
<td>0.02 - 1.39</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Water additive used to control microbes</td>
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#### Microbiological Monitoring in the Distribution System

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Substance (units)</th>
<th>Year Sampled</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
<th>MCL</th>
<th>Highest Monthly Percentage</th>
<th>Compliance Achieved</th>
<th>Typical Sources</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total Coliform Bacteria</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Presence in no more than 5% of monthly samples</td>
<td>1.3% (10 positive samples out of 83 samples)</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Naturally present in the environment</td>
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#### Microbiological Monitoring in the Distribution System

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Substance (units)</th>
<th>Year Sampled</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
<th>MCL</th>
<th>Number detected during the year</th>
<th>Number of confirmed detections</th>
<th>Compliance Achieved</th>
<th>Typical Sources</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>E. Coli</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>Human or animal fecal waste</td>
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#### Customer Tap Water Samples: Lead and Copper Results

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<th>Substance (units)</th>
<th>Year Sampled</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
<th>Action Level</th>
<th>Number of Samples</th>
<th>90th Percentile</th>
<th>Number of Samples Above Action Level</th>
<th>Compliance Achieved</th>
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<tr>
<td>Copper (ppm)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>0.38</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lead (ppb)</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>14.1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>YES</td>
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Unregulated Substances Measured from the Water Leaving the Treatment Facilities

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<th>Substance (units)</th>
<th>Year Sampled</th>
<th>Range of Detections</th>
<th>Typical Sources</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Calcium (ppm)</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>7 - 78</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hardness (grains/gallon)</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>2 - 18</td>
<td>Natural Calcium/Magnesium content</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Magnesium (ppm)</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>3 - 27</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pH (standard units)</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>7.6 - 7.8</td>
<td>pH is a measure of acid/base properties</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total dissolved solids</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>170 - 750</td>
<td>Natural deposits</td>
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Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule Substances Measured at the Treatment Facility and in the Distribution System

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<th>Year Sampled</th>
<th>Range of Detections</th>
<th>Typical Sources</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bromochloromethane (ppb)</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>ND - 0.13</td>
<td>By-product of drinking water disinfection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chlorate (ppb)</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>ND - 400</td>
<td>By-product of drinking water disinfection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chromium VI (ppb)</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>ND - 62</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Molybdenum (ppb)</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>3.8 - 7.4</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Strontium (ppm)</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>0.8 - 1.5</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vanadium (ppb)</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>1.9 - 35.3</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits</td>
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ARSENIC: EPCOR’s groundwater arsenic removal facility continues to produce water with arsenic levels below the current federal and state standards. While your drinking water meets EPA’s standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA’s standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

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. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

THM/HAA5: Although there is no collective MCLG for this contaminant group, there are individual MCLGs for some of the individual contaminants: Trihalomethanes: bromodichloromethane (0.0 mg/L); bromoformaldehyde (0.0 mg/L); chloroform (0.07 mg/L); dibromoacetylhalomethanes (0.06 mg/L). Haloacetic acids: dichloroacetic acid (0.0 mg/L); trichloroacetic acid (0.02 mg/L). Monochloroacetic acid (0.07 mg/L), bromoacetic acid and dibromoacetic acid are regulated with this group but have no MCLGs.

ADDITIONAL MONITORING

In addition to the parameters listed in this table, other parameters were monitored for, including regulated pesticides, herbicides, petroleum by-products and metals. None of those parameters were detected in the water. If you have any questions about this report or your drinking water, please call our Customer Care team at 1-800-383-0834.

EPCOR encourages feedback related to the quality of water that is provided to you. Please feel free to submit comments to us directly at mywater@epcor.com. You may also provide feedback to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).
Learn more about your water at epcor.com.