

# MONUMENT TOWN OF 2017 Drinking Water Quality Report For Calendar Year 2016

*Public Water System ID:* CO0121475

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We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Please contact STEVE SHEFFIELD at 719-487-9291 with any questions or for public participation opportunities that may affect water quality.

## **General Information**

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 (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants>.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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 of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

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. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants:** salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or 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.
- Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes

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regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

## **Lead in Drinking Water**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems (especially for pregnant women and young children). It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. 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. Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## **Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit <http://wqcdcompliance.com/ccr>. The report is located under "Source Water Assessment Reports", and then "Assessment Report by County". Select EL PASO County and find 121475; MONUMENT TOWN OF or by contacting STEVE SHEFFIELD at 719-487-9291. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that ***could*** occur. It ***does not*** mean that the contamination ***has or will*** occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan. Potential sources of contamination in our source water area are listed on the next page.

Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Quality Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.

## Our Water Sources

<u>Source</u>	<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Water Type</u>	<u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u>
WELL NO 1	Well	Groundwater	Aboveground, Underground and Leaking Storage Tank Sites  Commercial/ Industrial/ Transportation  Low Intensity Residential  Row Crops  Pasture/ Hay  Fallowing  Deciduous/ Evergreen Forest  Septic Systems
WELL NO 2	Well	Groundwater	
WELL NO 3	Well	Groundwater	
WELL NO 4	Well	Groundwater	
WELL NO 5	Well	Groundwater	
WELL NO 6	Well	Groundwater	
WELL NO 7	Well	Groundwater	
WELL NO 8	Well	Groundwater	
WELL NO 9	Well	Groundwater	

## Terms and Abbreviations

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Health-Based** – A violation of either a MCL or TT.
- **Non-Health-Based** – A violation that is not a MCL or TT.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **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 Contaminant Level Goal (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 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.
- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.
- **Level 1 Assessment** – 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 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.

### Detected Contaminants

TOWN OF MONUMENT routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according with Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2016 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

**Note:** Only detected contaminants sampled within the last 5 years appear in this report. If no tables appear in this section then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

<b>Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System</b>						
<b>TT Requirement:</b> At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm <b><i>OR</i></b>						
If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm						
<b>Typical Sources:</b> Water additive used to control microbes						
Contaminant Name	Time Period	Results	Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	TT Violation	MRDL
Chlorine	December, 2016	<u>Lowest period</u> percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	0	2	No	4.0 ppm

<b>Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System</b>								
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	08/14/2014 to 08/15/2014	0.21	10	ppm	1.3		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	08/14/2014 to 08/15/2014	3	10	ppb	15		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

**Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System**

Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Highest Compliance Value	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2016	1.1	1.1 to 1.1	1	ppb	60	N/A		No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2016	2.7	2.7 to 2.7	1	ppb	80	N/A		No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

**Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System**

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2015	3.2	0.4 to 8.2	3	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2016	6.03	5 to 7.1	4	pCi/L	5	0	Yes	Erosion of natural deposits

**Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System**

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	2015	0.06	0.05 to 0.07	3	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	2015	0.33	0 to 1	3	ppb	100	100	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2015	1.51	1.38 to 1.64	3	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2016	0.07	0 to 0.2	6	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks,

**Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System**

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
									sewage; erosion of natural deposits

**Secondary Contaminants\*\***

\*\*Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2015	20.93	9.6 to 42.2	3	ppm	N/A

**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, Backflow/Cross-Connection, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

**Violations**

Name	Category	Time Period	Health Effects	Compliance Value	TT Level or MCL
COMBINED RADIUM	MCL, AVERAGE - HEALTH-BASED	04/01/2016 - 06/30/2016	Some people who drink water containing radium -226 or -228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.	6.1 PCI/L	5 PCI/L
COMBINED RADIUM	MCL, AVERAGE - HEALTH-BASED	07/01/2016 - 09/30/2016	Some people who drink water containing radium -226 or -228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.	6 PCI/L	5 PCI/L
COMBINED RADIUM	MCL, AVERAGE - HEALTH-BASED	10/01/2016 – 12/31/2016	Some people who drink water containing radium -226 or -228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.	6 PCI/L	5 PCI/L

**Additional Violation Information**

\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\*

Violations					
Name	Category	Time Period	Health Effects	Compliance Value	TT Level or MCL
Explanation of the violation(s), the steps taken to resolve them, and the anticipated resolved date:					
<p>The Town of Monument's well #9 has exceeded the MCL for combined Radium 226 &amp; 228. Radium is a naturally occurring element that is present in varying amounts in the rocks and soil within the earth's crust. Upon the learning of the MCL violation the Town has taken steps to significantly limit the use of the well, and began working with Engineers and the State to develop and approve a treatment method to bring the well back into compliance. As of March 28, 2017 the State has approved the Town's engineering design to bring the well back into compliance. The construction of the approved design is expected to be completed August 2017. If you have any questions or concerns please call the Monument Water Department at (719) 487-9291</p>					

Significant Deficiencies			
Date Identified	Deficiency Description	Steps Taking to Correct and Progress To Date	Estimated Completion Date
7/15/2015	R540 - DESIGN APPROVAL; System has not received plans and specs approval for the system or for renovations to the system, including the addition of new sources, changes in treatment or changes in the distribution system. This is an alleged violation of CPDWR 1.1;	The Town of Monument was subsequently required to submit plans and specifications, receive design approval, and properly install/construct and operate the treatment. The deficiency has been resolved.	April 12, 2016
Additional Deficiency Information			
<p>Explanation of the deficiency and the steps taken to correct them:</p> <p>The Town of Monument in 2007 changed the type of disinfection it used from chlorine gas to sodium hypochlorite without receiving the proper State approval. As a result the Town was required to have a professional Engineer design and submit to the State, to review and approve the changes to the treatment system. Once State approval was received, the Town installed and operates the system in compliance with the State approved plans and regulations. If you have any questions or concerns please call the Monument Water Department at (719) 487-9291</p>			