

# 2009 Water Quality Table

	B Parameter	C Units	D State MCL [MRDL]	F PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	G Range Average	H Treatment Plant Effluent					I Major Sources in Drinking Water
						Weymouth Plant	Diemer Plant	Jensen Plant	Skinner Plant	Mills Plant	
A	Percent State Project Water	%	NA	NA	Range Average	0 - 34 12	3 - 34 14	100 100	6 - 52 20	100 100	NA
E	<b>PRIMARY STANDARDS - Mandatory Health-Related Standards</b>										
	<b>CLARITY</b>										
	Combined Filter Effluent Turbidity	NTU %	0.3 95 (a)	NA	Highest % < 0.3	0.06 100	0.06 100	0.06 100	0.08 100	0.18 100	Soil runoff
	<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL</b>										
	Total Coliform Bacteria (b)	%	5.0	(0)	Range Average	Distribution System-wide: 0 - 0.2 Distribution System-wide: 0					Naturally present in the environment
	Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) (c)	CFU/ mL	TT	NA	Range Average	Distribution System-wide: TT Distribution System-wide: TT					Naturally present in the environment
	<b>ORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>										
	Acrylamide	NA	TT	(0)	Range Average	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	Water treatment chemical impurities
	Epichlorohydrin	NA	TT	(0)	Range Average	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	Water treatment chemical impurities
	<b>INORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>										
	Aluminum (d)	ppb	1,000	600	Range Highest RAA	110 - 240 160	100 - 230 170	ND - 100 76	ND ND	ND - 160 96	Residue from water treatment process; natural deposits erosion
	Arsenic	ppb	10	0.004	Range Highest RAA	ND - 2.5 2.2	ND - 2.6 2.3	2.5 - 3.9 3.1	ND ND	ND - 3.4 2.6	Natural deposits erosion; glass and electronics production wastes
	Barium	ppb	1,000	2,000	Range Average	110 - 140 120	120 - 140 130	ND ND	ND - 110 ND	ND ND	Oil and metal refineries discharge; natural deposits erosion
	Fluoride (e) (treatment-related)	ppm	2.0	1	Control Range Optimal Fluoride Level	0.7 - 1.3 0.8	0.7 - 1.3 0.8	0.7 - 1.3 0.8	0.7 - 1.3 0.8	0.6 - 1.2 0.7	Water additive for dental health
					Range Average Range	0.7 - 1.0 0.8	0.7 - 0.9 0.8	0.6 - 0.9 0.8	0.7 - 1.0 0.8	0.5 - 0.9 0.7	
	Nitrate (as N) (f)	ppm	10	10	Range Highest RAA	ND - 0.4 0.4	ND - 0.4 0.4	0.6 - 0.9 0.8	ND - 0.4 ND	ND - 0.8 0.6	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; sewage; natural deposits erosion
	<b>RADIONUCLIDES (g)</b>										
	Gross Alpha Particle Activity	pCi/L	15	(0)	Range Average	ND - 7.6 5.2	3.8 - 9.3 5.6	ND - 7.3 3.4	3.3 - 4.3 3.6	ND - 5.5 ND	Erosion of natural deposits
	Gross Beta Particle Activity (h)	pCi/L	50	(0)	Range Average	ND - 9.7 4.2	ND - 6.4 4.3	ND - 5.2 ND	ND - 8.8 ND	ND - 7.5 ND	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
	Uranium	pCi/L	20	0.43	Range Average	2.4 - 3.4 2.9	2.9 - 3.7 3.3	1.6 - 2.0 1.8	2.3 - 2.7 2.5	1.5 - 2.8 2.1	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS, DISINFECTANT RESIDUALS, AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS PRECURSORS (i)</b>											
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (j)	ppb	80	NA	Range Average	25 - 67 43	26 - 56 43	17 - 33 28	26 - 56 41	20 - 33 25	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (j)	ppb	80	NA	Range Highest RAA	Distribution System-wide: 15 - 81 Distribution System-wide: 39					By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (k)	ppb	60	NA	Range Average	5.6 - 20 11	7.3 - 12 10	2.0 - 3.2 2.5	9.9 - 15 12	2.3 - 7.0 4.3	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (k)	ppb	60	NA	Range Highest RAA	Distribution System-wide: 1.5 - 30 Distribution System-wide: 14					By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Total Chlorine Residual	ppm	[4.0]	[4.0]	Range Highest RAA	Distribution System-wide: 1.5 - 3.0 Distribution System-wide: 2.4					Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment	
Bromate (l)	ppb	10	0.1	Range Highest RAA	NA NA	NA NA	4.2 - 12 6.9	NA NA	3.9 - 12 8.0	By-product of drinking water ozonation	
DBP Precursor Control (TOC)	ppm	TT	NA	Range Average	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	TT TT	Various natural and man-made sources	
<b>SECONDARY STANDARDS - Aesthetic Standards</b>											
Aluminum (d)	ppb	200	600	Range Highest RAA	110 - 240 160	100 - 230 170	ND - 100 76	ND ND	ND - 160 96	Residue from water treatment process; natural deposits erosion	
Chloride	ppm	500	NA	Range Highest RAA	89 - 100 98	89 - 99 97	77 - 82 79	93 - 100 97	67 - 99 85	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence	
Color	Units	15	NA	Range Highest RAA	1 - 2 2	1 - 2 2	1 - 2 2	1 - 2 2	1 - 2 2	Naturally occurring organic materials	
Odor Threshold (m)	TON	3	NA	Range Average	2 2	2 2	2 2	12 - 24 18	2 2	Naturally occurring organic materials	
Specific Conductance	µS/cm	1,600	NA	Range Highest RAA	850 - 1,100 1,000	880 - 1,100 1,000	570 - 610 590	760 - 1,100 960	460 - 670 590	Substances that form ions in water; seawater influence	
Sulfate	ppm	500	NA	Range Highest RAA	180 - 260 240	190 - 250 240	56 - 70 66	130 - 250 220	32 - 77 68	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes	
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	ppm	1,000	NA	Range Highest RAA	510 - 660 620	530 - 640 610	310 - 340 330	440 - 640 580	250 - 380 330	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence	
Turbidity (a)	NTU	5	NA	Range Highest RAA	0.05 - 0.06 0.06	0.04 - 0.05 0.04	0.04 - 0.05 0.04	0.04 - 0.05 0.05	0.05 - 0.08 0.06	Soil runoff	

ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS			
CFU/mL	Colony-Forming Units per milliliter	pCi/L	picoCuries per liter
DBP	Disinfection By-Products	PHG	Public Health Goal - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.	ppb	parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
		ppm	parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
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 are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).	RAA	Running Annual Average
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. Addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.	TOC	Total Organic Carbon
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.	TON	Threshold Odor Number
N	Nitrogen	TT	Treatment Technique - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
NA	Not Applicable	µS/cm	microSiemen per centimeter; or micromho per centimeter (µmho/cm)
ND	Not Detected	Primary Standards (Primary Drinking Water Standards) - MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Secondary Standards - Requirements that ensure the appearance, taste and smell of drinking water are acceptable.	

FOOTNOTES		
(a) The turbidity level of the filtered water shall be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in 95% of the measurements taken each month and shall not exceed 1 NTU at any time. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water and is an indicator of treatment performance. The averages and ranges of turbidity shown in the Secondary Standards were based on the treatment plant effluent.	(d) Aluminum has both primary and secondary standards.	(i) Metropolitan was in compliance with all provisions of the Stage 1 Disinfectants/ Disinfection By-Products (D/DBP) Rule. Compliance was based on the RAA.
(b) Total coliform MCLs: No more than 5.0% of the monthly samples may be total coliform-positive. Compliance is based on the combined distribution system sampling from all the treatment plants. In 2009, 8116 samples were analyzed and two samples were positive for total coliforms. The MCL was not violated.	(e) Metropolitan was in compliance with all provisions of the State's Fluoridation System Requirements.	(j) Reporting level is 0.5 ppb for each of the following: bromodichloromethane, bromoform, chloroform, and dibromochloromethane.
(c) All distribution system samples collected had detectable total chlorine residuals and no HPC was required. HPC reporting level is 1 CFU/mL.	(f) State MCL is 45 mg/L as nitrate, which is the equivalent of 10 mg/L as N.	(k) The detection limit for purposes of reporting is 1.0 ppb for each of the following: dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid; and 2.0 ppb for monochloroacetic acid.
	(g) Data collected from four consecutive quarters of monitoring in 2008.	(l) Bromate reporting level is 3 ppb.
	(h) The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirem/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. The screening level is 50 pCi/L.	(m) Data based on the State-required quarterly monitoring following MCL exceedance. Metropolitan utilizes a flavor-profile analysis (FPA) method that can detect odor occurrences more accurately and found the FPA samples from this location acceptable. No taste and odor event was observed and no complaints were received during the period.