

TOWN OF TELLURIDE 2019 Drinking Water Quality Report For Calendar Year 2018

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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 Stan Kiersztyn at 970-729-0353 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 storm water 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 storm water 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 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 may have 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 www.colorado.gov/cdphe/ccr. The report is located under "Guidance: Source Water Assessment Reports". Search the table using 157800, TELLURIDE TOWN OF, or by contacting Stan Kiersztyn at 970-729-0353. 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>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</u> | <u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u> |
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| BLUE LAKE INTAKE (Surface Water-Intake) STILLWELL PORTAL INF GALLERY (Groundwater-Well) MILL CREEK (Surface Water-Intake) FALLS CREST DIVERSION (Surface Water-Intake) | EPA Superfund Sites, Existing/Abandoned Mine Sites |

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.
- **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 90th Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **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.

Detected Contaminants

TELLURIDE TOWN OF routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018 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.

| Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--|------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| TT Requirement: At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm <u>OR</u> If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm Typical Sources: Water additive used to control microbes | | | | | | | | | |
| Disinfectant Name | Time Period | Results | | Number of Samples Below Level | Sample Size | TT Violation | MRDL | | |
| Chlorine | December, 2018 | <u>Lowest period</u> percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100% | | 0 | 9 | No | 4.0 ppm | | |
| Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System | | | | | | | | | |
| Contaminant Name | Time Period | 90 th Percentile | Sample Size | Unit of Measure | 90 th Percentile AL | Sample Sites Above AL | 90 th Percentile AL Exceedance | Typical Sources | |
| Copper | 09/11/2018 to 12/05/2018 | 0.29 | 20 | ppm | 1.3 | 0 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits | |
| Lead | 09/11/2018 to 12/05/2018 | 1 | 20 | ppb | 15 | 0 | 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 | MCL Violation | Typical Sources |
| Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) | 2018 | 9.45 | 2.9 to 21.5 | 8 | ppb | 60 | N/A | No | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) | 2018 | 11.65 | 4.4 to 27.1 | 8 | ppb | 80 | N/A | No | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection |
| Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System | | | | | | | | | |
| Contaminant Name | Sample Date | Level Found | | TT Requirement | | TT Violation | Typical Sources | | |
| Turbidity | Date/Month: May | <u>Highest single</u> measurement: 0.12 NTU | | Maximum 0.5 NTU for any single measurement | | No | Soil Runoff | | |
| Turbidity | Month: Dec | <u>Lowest monthly</u> percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100 % | | In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.1 NTU | | No | Soil Runoff | | |

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 | 0.23 | 0 to 0.7 | 3 | pCi/L | 15 | 0 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Combined Radium | 2015 | 0.23 | 0 to 0.4 | 3 | pCi/L | 5 | 0 | No | 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 | 2018 | 0.03 | 0.02 to 0.04 | 2 | ppm | 2 | 2 | No | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride | 2018 | 0.07 | 0 to 0.13 | 2 | ppm | 4 | 4 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate | 2018 | 0.25 | 0.2 to 0.3 | 2 | ppm | 10 | 10 | No | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, 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 | 2018 | 3 | 2.1 to 3.9 | 2 | ppm | N/A |

Violations

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.

| Name | Category | Time Period |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| TURBIDITY AND CHLORINE AT TREATMENT PLANTS | FAILURE TO REPORT BY DEADLINE NON-HEALTH-BASED | JUNE 2018 |
| EXPLANATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION: Telluride reported the monthly treatment monitoring data 17 days after the deadline. The data showed no problems with water quality. The reports have not been late since this time. | | |
| PUBLIC NOTICE | FAILURE TO NOTIFY CUSTOMERS OF A VIOLATION NON-HEALTH-BASED | 09/24/2017 – 12/10/2018 |
| EXPLANATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION: During a 2017 routine state inspection, Telluride was cited for not having adequate equipment calibration. Telluride corrected the issue immediately, but was still required to notify customers of this violation. Telluride notified the customers of this violation after the deadline. | | |
| DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS | FAILURE TO COLLECT SAMPLE BY DEADLINE NON-HEALTH-BASED | FEBRUARY 2018 |
| EXPLANATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION: Telluride collected the samples six days late, outside of the assigned month. The samples showed no problems with the water quality. The samples have not been late since this time. | | |
| MONITORING PLAN | FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE MONITORING PLAN AND/OR REPORT TO THE STATE NON-HEALTH-BASED | 09/23/2016 - 04/04/2018 |
| EXPLANATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION: During a 2017 routine state inspection, Telluride was cited for not having an adequate monitoring plan in our records. The monitoring plan was completed and reported to the state to correct this issue. | | |
| CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT | FAILURE TO REPORT TO THE STATE BY THE DEADLINE NON-HEALTH-BASED | JULY 2018 |
| EXPLANATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION: Telluride was late reporting to the state that the consumer confidence report was delivered to customers. The report to the state was completed in December 2018 to correct this issue. | | |