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Dear Lorayne J Customer,

Enclosed you will find the Consumer Confidence Report and the City of Richland Water Quality Report for 2017.

In accordance with Washington State Department of Health requirements, Kennewick Irrigation District (KID), as the water purveyor for the Lorayne J Water System, conducts annual testing in October of each year for nitrate levels in the system. In October of 2014, the nitrate level in the Lorayne J system was 2.14 mg/L, well below allowable limits.

On October 20, 2015, KID received notification from the Department of Health that results from annual testing for nitrates in the Loryane J water system were 13.3 mg/L, exceeding the allowable limits of 10 mg/L. Upon this notification, KID immediately switched the water supply from the well sources to the City of Richland emergency intertie.

In coordination with the Department of Health, KID tested the water in the system after the intertie to the City of Richland, and the nitrate level in the water system has been reduced to 0.5 mg/L. KID will continue to deliver water through the emergency intertie until further notice.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Freeman, District Manager at 586-9111 or via email at [cfreeman@kid.org](mailto:cfreeman@kid.org).

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of the name Jason McShane.

Jason McShane  
Engineering/Operations Manager

C: Washington State Department of Health

## **Health Information about your water:**

On October 20, 2015 KID received notification from the Department of Health that results from the annual testing for nitrates exceeded allowable limits. KID switched the water supply from the well source to the City of Richland emergency intertie.

## **What you should know**

Some persons 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, persons 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 health care providers. The U.S. 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 Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791). 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).

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, EPA regulates and sets limits for certain substances in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration also regulates bottled water and bottlers must provide the same level of public health protection.

## **How can I get involved ?**

The Kennewick Irrigation District's Board of Directors meet the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Peterson Board Room located at 2015 S. Ely Street, Kennewick, WA. The agenda and minutes for each meeting are published on the KID's website: [www.kid.org](http://www.kid.org)

# **KID - Lorayne J. Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2017**



**If you have any questions about this report  
or about water quality, please contact  
Charles Freeman at (509) 586-9111.**

**Este informe contiene informacion  
importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga  
que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable  
con alguien que lo entienda.**

**For additional  
information on the health aspects of local  
drinking water contact the  
Benton-Franklin Health District at  
(509) 460-4206**

## Definitions

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

**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 Contaminant Level (MCL)** - 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 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.

**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.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - Is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is slightly noticeable to the average person.

**N/A** - Not Applicable

**ND** - None Detected - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**ppm** - One part per million.

**ppb** - One part per billion.

**ug/L**- Micrograms per Liter - One part per billion.

**mg/L** - Milligrams per Liter - One part per million.

**pCi/L** - Picocuries per liter is a standard measurement of the radioactivity in the environment.

**TT** - Treatment Technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Lead:** Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

**Kennewick Irrigation District** routinely monitors the KID - Lorayne J. Water System 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 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as well as previous year's test results. 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.

## 2017 Water Quality Testing Results

Substance	Results	Sample Date	MCL	MCLG	Violation	Possible Source(s) in Drinking Water
Arsenic (ppb)	2.48	6/24/2009	10	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards.
Barium (ppm)	0.0618	6/24/2009	2	2	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Chlorine (ppm)	1.4	12/11/2013	MRDL=4	MRDLG=4	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Copper (ppm)	0.00147	6/24/2009	AL=1.3	1.3	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	0.5	10/25/2010	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (ppm)	13.3	10/12/2015	10	10	Yes	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits; Higher level nitrate intrusion
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	1.0	5/22/2012	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	0.7	5/22/2012	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (distribution, mg/l)	.001	12/22/2016	AL=.015	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Copper (distribution, mg/l)	0.2	12/22/2016	AL=1.3	1.3	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Trihalomethanes (ppb)	14.68	8/11/2015	80	n/a	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Halo-Acetic Acids	1.69	8/11/2015	60	n/a	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

### Conservation Tips:

- Conduct a Home Water Audit.
- Fix toilet and faucet leaks.
- Take short showers.
- Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth and shaving.
- Use high-efficiency toilets and appliances.
- Wash full loads in the washer and dishwasher.

For additional information and other ways that you can help conserve water go to [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater).

### Why is it important to fix leaks around your home?

- A pinhead size leak can waste 360,000 gallons per year.
- A leaky toilet can use 90,000 gallons of water in 30 days.
- About one in every 318 homes or buildings have a leak.
- A 1/8 inch hole in a metal pipe, at 40 psi, leaks 2,500 gallons of water in 24 hours.
- A typical toilet leak can add \$500 to a single water bill.

Source: American Leak Detection and Water Online.

# WHY PROVIDE A WATER QUALITY REPORT?

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials, 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, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as 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, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organicchemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Therefore, Richland Water proudly produces a water quality report each year, so residents may learn about the health quality of our water.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EPA

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 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 (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people such as people 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 drinking water advice from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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. The City of Richland is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water and 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 [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

# COMMITTED

## TO WATER SAFETY

### Backflow Protection Prevents Contamination

As a public water system, preventing contamination from the source to your meter is a 24/7 job. Cross connection control requires backflow assemblies be installed on all new commercial services. On existing commercial services, the degree of hazard, remodeling, upgrading, or change of ownership addresses installation of backflow assemblies. The City is offering a backflow assembly program to existing commercial accounts. If you have questions or want answers relating to cross connections or backflow prevention, contact the Water Quality Office at 942-7474.

### Assessments Conducted

Susceptibility Assessments have been conducted for Richland's Surface, Well Field, and single-well water sources. A high Susceptibility Rating was determined for each source. This rating does not indicate poor water quality, but the potential of becoming contaminated. The City of Richland has programs to help minimize these susceptibilities, which include wellhead protection, cross-connection control, and source water protection programs. A copy of the assessment can be found at [www.richland.wa.us](http://www.richland.wa.us) or by calling 942-7670.

For more information regarding this report, please contact:

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# RICHLAND WATER

## PROVIDES HIGH QUALITY WATER FOR YOU

Richland Water vigilantly safeguards its water supplies in order to continue providing safe drinking water for our residents and add to the livability of our great City. The City of Richland draws water from two major sources, the Columbia River and three groundwater wells located at various sites in the City.

Once again, we are proud to report that last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards.

## CONSERVING

our natural resources will help the health and longevity of our City as well as save you money. Here are eight tips that will make a difference to your monthly bill and our community:

**Water** your lawn during the least sunny times of the day.

**Fix** toilet and faucet leaks.

**Take** short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to 50 gallons for a bath.

**Turn** the faucet off while brushing your teeth and shaving; 3-5 gallons go down the drain per minute.

**Use** high-efficiency toilets and appliances.

**Wash** full loads in the washer and dishwasher.

**Conduct** a Home Water Audit.

**Teach** your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely.

# 2017 WATER QUALITY RESULTS

## RESULTS OF CRYPTOSPORIDIUM MONITORING

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water and/or finished water. Cryptosporidium results collected during round two of the LTESWR (2015-2016) determined the Columbia River source contained 0.05 oocysts/L. This level places this source in Bin 1 and requires no additional treatment for Cryptosporidium. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immunocompromised people are at greater risk of developing a life-threatening illness. We encourage immunocompromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

## DISINFECTANTS & DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS

(There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.)

	Substance (Units)	Goal (MCLG)*	EPA's Allowable Limits (MCL)*	Average Level Detected <sup>a</sup>	Range Detected Low   High	Typical Source	Violation
<b>INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Nitrate [measured at Nitrogen] (ppm)**	NA**	60	19 / 31.7	5.2	<0.5   59.3	By-product of drinking water chlorination	No
THMs [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)**	NA**	80	28.8 / 54.7	8.6	80.7	By-product of drinking water chlorination	No
<b>ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>							
Haloacetic Acids [HAA5] (ppb) **	0	15 $\mu\text{g/L}^{**}$	2.96	2.32	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	No	
THMs [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)**	0	5 $\mu\text{g/L}^{**}$	ND**	ND**			
*** Gross Alpha	0						
*** Combined Radium	0						

## COPPER AND LEAD

	Substance (Units)	Goal (MCLG)*	EPA's Allowable Limits (MCL)*	Level Detected (90th percentile) <sup>b</sup>	Number of Samples Exceeding the AL	Typical Source	Violation
<b>COPPER</b> - action level at consumer taps (ppm)**							
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)**	13	1.3 (AL)*	.18 / .18	0 of 120		Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	No
<b>LEAD</b> - action level at consumer taps (ppm)**							
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppm)**	0	.015 (AL)*	.0024 / .0032	1 of 120		Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	No

## COLUMBIA RIVER WATER TREATMENT PLANT FINISH WATER

	Analytes	Average Level Detected	Low	Range Detected	High	Typical Source	Violation
<b>WELLSIAN VAY WELLS (ground water) blend into the distribution system.</b>							
pH	8.1	61.7 mg/l <sup>**</sup>	52 mg/l <sup>**</sup>	8.5	69 mg/l <sup>**</sup>		
Alkalinity	66.3 mg/L <sup>**</sup> (3.5 gr/gal)						
Hardness	10.0 mg/L <sup>**</sup>	0.9 mg/L <sup>**</sup>	0.04 NTU*	1.3 mg/L <sup>**</sup>	0.14 NTU*		
System Free Chlorine Residual	0.06 NTU*						
Turbidity*							

## 2014 / 2015 UCMS3 REPORT RESULTS IN UG/L

Compound	Average Level Detected	Low	Range Detected	High	Typical Source	Violation
Vanadenum	1.01	ND	ND	7.08		
Molybdenum	0.28	ND	ND	2.29		
Strontrium	127.22	74.1	365			
Chromium	0.052	ND	0.32			
Hexavalent chromium	0.11	0.056	0.354			
Chlorate	2.65	ND	34			

## Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring

Maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for some contaminants have not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has the mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring unregulated contaminants is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted. Richland Water conducted monitoring as required by the USEPA's third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3), and included the results in the 2015 Annual Water Quality Report.

<sup>1</sup> Hardness of individual sources can range from 61 to 301 mg/L<sup>\*</sup>

<sup>2</sup> 90th percentile level means that 90% of samples analyzed were at or below this concentration.

<sup>3</sup> High and low averages of 87THM and HAA5 sample sites.

<sup>\*\*</sup> **ppm** (Parts per Million), **pb** (Parts per Billion), **pCi/L** (Picocuries per Liter), **mg/L** (Milligrams per Liter), **NA** (Not Applicable), **ND** (Not Detected)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The most recent collection dates for radiological samples were June to September 2014. Quarterly unregulated contaminant monitoring of the USEPA's contaminant list #1 in 2011 resulted in no detections.

**Fluoride:** The City of Richland does not add fluoride to the water system. Fluoride levels are only true amounts from naturally occurring sources.