



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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. Polyphosphates, called NAP-201, are added to our drinking water to help with the hardness, taste and color. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

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. SJSUD is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but 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 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 <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In the water loss audit submitted to the Texas Water Development Board for the time period of January— December 2015, our system lost an estimated amount of less than 5% of the 71,000,000 gallons of water pumped. If you have any questions about the water loss audit please call 936-653-4384.

**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 storm 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 storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic Chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

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

**Notes:**

The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old.

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.



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Este reporte incluye informacion importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en espanol, favor de llamar al telefono 936-653-4384.

**What's the Quality of My Water?**

San Jacinto Special Utility District is pleased to share this water quality report with you. It describes to you, the customer, the quality of your drinking water. This report covers January 1 through December 31, 2015. San Jacinto SUD's drinking water supply surpassed the strict regulations of both the State of Texas and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which requires all water suppliers to prepare reports like this every year.

Our water source is groundwater pumped from three deep wells, all of which are located within the Coldspring City limits. Our wells draw from the Gulf Coast Aquifer. Our system has 120 miles of water service lines, which provide for about 1200 connections.

**We are proud to announce that we have been recognized as a "State Of Texas Superior Water System"**

San Jacinto SUD treats your water using disinfection to remove or reduce harmful contaminants that may come from the source water. We employ five employees. Three of the five employees serve as our water maintenance team, whom are always striving to provide the best possible service to you, our customer. Our other two employees serve as our office staff, which always greet and meet the need of our customers as fast and as friendly as possible.

The TCEQ completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of your sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detections of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confident Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Wes Isbell. For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at the following URL: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/swaview>

Further details about sources and source water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL: <http://dww2.tceq.texas.gov/DWW/>

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact San Jacinto Special Utility District by calling 936-653-4384 or by writing to this address: 70 Church Ave, Coldspring, TX 77331. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. You can attend a scheduled public meeting on September 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm, at our office in Coldspring.

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**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wants you to know:**

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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 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).

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.



**2015 Monitoring Results for San Jacinto Special Utility District**

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer, those who have undergone organ transplants, those who are undergoing treatment with steroids, and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)

Contaminant	Unit	MCLG Health Goal	MCL EPA's Limits	Highest Level Detected	Range Detected	Violation (Yes/No)	Year Sampled	Potential Source of Contamination
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**Inorganic Contaminants**

Arsenic	ppb	0	10	6.7	6.7-6.7	No	2014	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.071	0.071-0.071	No	2014	Discharge of drilling wastes. Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3=AL	0.032 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	All sites below AL	No	2013	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives.
Fluoride	ppm	4	4.0	0.58	0.48-0.58	No	2014	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum
Lead	ppb	0	15=AL	1.49 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	All sites below AL	No	2013	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	0.02	0.01-0.02	No	2015	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

**Radiological Contaminants**

Gross Alpha	pCi/L	0	3	0	0	No	2015	Erosion of natural deposits.
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**Regulated Contaminants**

Chlorine Free	ppm	MRDL G=1.5	MRDL= 4.0	1.48	0.53-1.48	No	2015	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	ppb	0	80	0	0-0	No	2015	By-products of drinking water disinfection.

Volatile Organic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Toluene	2015	0.001	0.0005-0.001	1	1	ppm	N	Discharge from petroleum factories.

**Coliform Bacteria**

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample	1		0	N	Naturally present in the environment

**Violations Table**

**Lead and Copper Rule**

The Lead and Copper Rule protects public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water, primarily by reducing water corrosivity. Lead and copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Lead Consumer Notice (LCR)	12/30/2013	2015	We failed to provide the results of lead tap water monitoring to the consumers at the location water was tested. These were supposed to be provided no later than 30 days after learning the results. All results were conformed to current NELAP standards.

**Public Notification Rule**

The Public Notification Rule helps to ensure that consumers will always know if there is a problem with their drinking water. These notices immediately alert consumers if there is a serious problem with their drinking water (e.g., a boil water emergency).

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Public Notice Rule Linked To Violation	10/10/2015	2015	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations.

**Total Coliform**

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Monitoring (TCR), Repeat Major	6/01/2015	6/30/2015	We failed to collect follow-up samples in response to finding total coliform bacteria in a routine sample. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water

**Violation Explanation-** On June 3, 2015 we had a human error on the monitoring form by marking "special" instead of the (repeat) box on sample type. All repeat samples were taken and came back absent of total coliform and E.coli. The reason for the notice that was sent out was because TCEQ would not accept our repeat samples accidentally marked "special". We apologize for all concerns we might have caused.

**Definitions:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of 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.

**Action Level Goal (AGL):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. AGLs allow for a margin of safety.

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

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile:** 90% of samples are equal to or less than the number in the chart.

**NA:** Not applicable

**NTU:** Nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)

**MREM (millirems):** A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**ND:** Not detectable at testing limits.

**PPB (parts per billion):** Micrograms per liter (mg/l) or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

**PPM (parts per million):** Milligrams per liter (mg/l) or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

**Ppt:** parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

**pCi/L (picocuries per liter):** A measure of radioactivity.

**SU:** Standard Unit

**TCEQ:** Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

**AVG:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.