

**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**2015 Drinking Water Quality Report**  
**For Calendar Year 2014**

**Public Water System ID Numbers:**

Main and West Campus CO0235184

Foothills Campus CO0235182

South Campus CO0235181

**Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.**

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 Susanne Cordery-Cotter at 970-491-0117 with any questions about the drinking water Consumer Confidence Rule (CCR) or for public participation opportunities that may affect the 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 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 in the pipe 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 LARIMER County and find and select “135291; Ft. Collins, City of”, or contact Susanne Cordery-Cotter at 970-491-0117. 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. The City of Fort Collins can use this information to evaluate the need to improve its current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to our customers. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan.

Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the

Drinking Water Consumer Confidence 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:**

Source	Water Type
Purchase treated water from City of Fort Collins, PWSID 135291	Surface water from Horsetooth Reservoir and the Cache La Poudre River

Note: Colorado State University owns a “Consecutive System”, which is a distribution system delivering treated water purchased from the City of Fort Collins. The City of Fort Collins delivers treated water to CSU’s master meters. CSU then distributes the treated water through CSU-owned pipelines to approximately 31,500 people.

**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.
- **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.
- **Parts per trillion = Nanograms per liter (ppt = ng/L)** – One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion = Picograms per liter (ppq = pg/L)** – One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.

## Detected Contaminants

CSU 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, 2014 unless otherwise noted. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

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

	Time Period	Campus			Action Level	Unit of Measure	90th Percentile Action Level Exceedence?	Typical Source
		Main and West	Foothills	South				
Copper, 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	8/1/14 to 8/31/14	0.242	0.344	0.420	1.3	ppm	No	Corrosion of building plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead, 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	8/1/14 to 8/31/14	0.004	0.007	0.004	0.015	ppm	No	Corrosion of building plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.

### Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System Main and West Campus, PWSID CO0235184

Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	19.94	13.5 to 26.5	16	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalo-methanes (TTHM)	2014	29.00	17.1 to 43.8	16	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

### Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System Foothills Campus, PWSID CO0235182

Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	15.48	1.4 to 34.8	8	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalo-methanes (TTHM)	2014	44.69	20.3 to 61.4	8	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System South Campus, PWSID CO0235181									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	21.35	14.3 to 29.2	8	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalo-methanes (TTHM)	2014	28.03	19.5 to 31.9	8	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Unregulated Contaminants				
Contaminant	Year	Range of Results	Unit of Measure	Typical Sources
Chromium	2013-2014	240 to 320	ppt	Naturally occurring metal
Strontium		47 to 55	ppb	Naturally occurring element
Vanadium		270 to 320	ppt	Naturally occurring element
Hexavalent chromium		180 to 210	ppt	Naturally occurring metal
Chlorate		20 to 31	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
chlorodifluoromethane		140 to 210	ppt	Propellant and refrigerant



**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

**Violations:**

Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No violations occurred in the calendar year of 2014.			

CSU is required to include an explanation of the violations in the above table and the steps taken to resolve the violation(s) with this report.

**Health Information about the Above Violation:**

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.