

# California State University, Fresno

## Consumer Confidence Report

### Water Quality 2013

California State University, Fresno is pleased to present a summary of the quality of the water it provides to its customers. The University samples the water it supplies for over 130 different contaminants. This report details where our water comes from, what it contains, and the risks our water testing and treatment are designed to prevent. California State University, Fresno is committed to providing you with the safest most reliable water supply. Informed consumers are our best allies in maintaining safe drinking water.

We are proud to report that the water provided by California State University, Fresno meets or exceeds established water quality standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

### Water Source

The water provided by the University is supplied by groundwater pumped from 3 wells located throughout the campus.

### How To Read The Table

#### Terms and abbreviations used below

- **Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set close to the Public Health Goals or Maximum Contaminant Level Goals as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:** 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.
- **Public Health Goal or PHG:** 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.
- **Primary Drinking Water Standard or PDWS:** MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
- **Regulatory Action Level or AL:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- **N/A:** not applicable
- **ND:** non detectable
- **mg/l:** milligrams per liter or parts per million
- **ug/l:** micrograms per liter or parts per billion
- **ng/l:** nanograms per liter or parts per trillion
- **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

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*Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.*

## Required Additional Health Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain 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 (800-426-4791).

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 natural deposits of minerals and 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*, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agriculture livestock operations, and wildlife.
- *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, that 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*, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agriculture application, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Some people may be more vulnerable** to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised 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 from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lesson the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

**Please call the Office of Facilities Management** at 559-278-2373 if you have any questions about this report, or if we can be of further assistance.

## **Vulnerability Summary**

**A source water assessment was conducted for the domestic water wells of the California State University Fresno water system in May, 2002.**

The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities associated with contaminants detected in the water supply:

- Research laboratories
- Parks
- Machine shops
- Animal feeding operations
- Crops, irrigated
- Fertilizer, Pesticide / Herbicide application
- Housing – high density
- Apartments and Condominiums

The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants:

- Dry cleaners
- Historic gas stations
- Automobile gas stations
- Concentrated animal feeding operations

## **Discussion of Vulnerability**

These constituents were found after running the trigger report from the Water Quality Inquiry (WQI) and from the DHS system files:

- Color
- Odor threshold
- Turbidity
- Nitrate
- Nitrite
- Bromoform \*\*\*
- Chloroform \*\*\*

\*\*\* Not detected since 1995

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A copy of the complete assessment may be viewed at:

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You may request a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting:

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