

# MALLORY VALLEY UTILITY DISTRICT

# WATER QUALITY REPORT

## 2002

### Is my drinking water safe?

Yes, our water meets all of EPA's health standards. We have conducted numerous tests for over 80 contaminants that may be in drinking water. As you'll see in the chart on the back, we only detected ten of these contaminants. We found most of these contaminants at safe levels.

### What is the source of my water?

Your water, which is surface water, comes from the City of Franklin, which treats water from the Harpeth River, and the Harpeth Valley Utility District which treats water from the Cumberland River. Our goal is to protect our water from contaminants and we are working with the State to determine the vulnerability of our water supply to contamination. A source water assessment will be developed and will be available for review at our office after its completion.

### Why are there contaminants in my water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Community water systems are required to disclose the detection of contaminants; however, bottled water companies are not required to comply with this regulation. 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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).



For more information about your drinking water, please call Linda Jones Ellis at 377-6286.

Este informe contiene información muy importante. Tradúscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### How can I get involved?

Our Water Board meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:00 a.m. at the utility office located at 7117 Crossroads Boulevard. Please feel free to participate in these meetings.

### Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?

The State and EPA require us to test and report on our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have met all of these requirements. Results of unregulated contaminant analysis are available upon request. We want you to know that we pay attention to all the rules.

### Other Information

Due to all water containing dissolved contaminants, occasionally your water may exhibit slight discoloration. We strive to maintain the standards to prevent this. We at Mallory Valley Utility District work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

### Do I Need To Take Special Precautions?

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 under-gone 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 not only their drinking water, but food preparation, personal hygiene, and precautions in handling infants and pets from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### Water System Security

Following the events of September 2001, we realize that our customers are concerned about the security of their drinking water. We urge the public to report any suspicious activities at any utility facilities, including treatment plants, tanks, fire hydrants, etc., to 377-3374.



# 2002 Water Quality Data

## What does this chart mean?

- **MCLG** - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or 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.
- **MCL** - Maximum Contaminant Level, or 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. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.
- **MRDL**: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
- **MRDLG**: Maximum residual disinfectant level goal. 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.
- **AL** - Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – explained as a relation to time and money as one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter – explained as a relation to time and money as one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- **TT** - Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Date of Sample	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	No	1		10/02		0	<2 positive samples	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity <sup>1</sup>	No	0.27 average	0.15 – 0.9	2002	NTU	n/a	TT	Soil runoff
Copper	No	90 <sup>th</sup> %= 0.3		2002	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride	No	1.0	0.73-1.0	2002	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead	No	90 <sup>th</sup> %= 3.5		2002	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	No	12.0		2002	ppm	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water treatment
Sulfate	No	34		2002	ppm	N/A	N/A	N/A
TTHM <sup>2</sup> [Total trihalomethanes]	No	46 (average)	22 - 91	2002	ppb	n/a	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids <sup>2</sup> (HAA5)	No	46 (average)	8 - 149	2002	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Found	Range of Detections	Date of Sample	Unit Measurement	MRDLG	MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	No	1.69	1.65-1.77	2002	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

During the most recent round of Lead and Copper testing, only 1 out of 20 households sampled contained concentrations exceeding the action level.

<sup>1</sup> In the data provided by the City of Franklin 100% of the samples were below the turbidity limit. Harpeth Valley Utility District did not provide this information.

<sup>2</sup> We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. The Mallory Valley Utility District would like to inform you of a recent violation concerning TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes) and HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids) monitoring.

During the fourth quarter of 2002, we did not sample for TTHM and HAA5, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. Samples were taken on January 03, 2003 and were found to be within limits. This violation does not infer in any way that the quality of the water was adversely affected during that time.