

Why am I Receiving this Report?

This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affects drinking water quality or if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any regularly scheduled water board meeting held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 4PM located at 188 Fayette St Buckhannon, WV 26201 or call the office at 304.472.1904.

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above. Your water comes from Surface water:

Source Name	Source Water Type
CC FROM WV33004902 BUCKHANNON WATER BOARD	SURFACE WATER – BUCKHANNON RIVER
Buyer Name	Seller Name
WV3304912 HODGESVILLE PSD LORENTZ SSSYTEM	BUCKHANNON WATER BOARD



Buckhannon River
(Surface Water)



Buckhannon Water
Board
(Seller)



Consecutive
Connection to
Hodgesville



Residents of
Hodgesville
(Buyer)

Contaminants in Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those 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. 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 (800-426-4791).

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 (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included 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 sources water before we treat it include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water 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 storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.

Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

Treatments and Testing

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

Our water system has an estimated population of 376 and is required to test a minimum of 1 sample per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2024. The state requires us to monitor certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The "Maximum Allowed" MCL is 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.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): Recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

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.

Non-Detects (ND): Lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not detected at or above the MDL (Method Detection Limit).

Parts per Million (ppm): Or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb): Or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): Measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): An average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA): Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

Testing Results: HODGESVILLE PSD- LORENTZ SYSTEM

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2024				

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful waterborne pathogens may be present, or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify and correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Collection Date	Highest LRAA	Range low/high	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	HALL RD PRESSURE STATION	08-2024	22	22	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TRIHALOMETHANES (THM)	MOUNTAIN REER MART	08-2024	70	70	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Some people who drink water containing Haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90TH Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2020-2022	0.07	<0.00221-0.116	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2020- 2022	< 0.172	<0.172	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. HODGESVILLE PSD – LORENTZ SYSTEM is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead

exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact HODGESVILLE PSD – LORENTZ SYSTEM at 304.472.1904. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

HODGESVILLE PSD – LORENTZ SYSTEM completed lead tap sampling in 2023; the results are available for review and can be accessed by calling our office at 304.472.1904.

HODGESVILLE PSD – LORENTZ SYSTEM has prepared a service line inventory identifying service line materials throughout the water distribution supply. The most up to date inventory is located at 188 Fayette St Buckhannon, WV 26201 or by calling the office at 304.472.1904. By November 1, 2027, our water system must develop an updated initial inventory, known as the “baseline inventory” and it must include each service line and identified connector that is connected to the public water distribution system.

Our water system identified all service lines in our inventory as NON-LEAD, meaning that there are NO service lines identified as: LEAD, LEAD STATUS UNKNOWN, or GALVINIZED REQUIRING REPLACEMENT (GRR).

If you have any questions about our inventory or if you would like information about our service line replacement plan, please contact our office at 304.472.1904.

Chlorine/Chloramines Maximum Disinfection Level	MPA	MPA Units	RAA	RAA Units
4/1/2024 - 4/30/2024	1.33	MG/L	1.21	MG/L

UCMR 5

Our supplier’s water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants as part of UCMR 5. Unregulated contaminants are those that do not yet have a drinking water standard set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that this data is available.

If you are interested in examining the results, please contact Jerry Myers at 304.472.2530.

There are no additional required health effect notices.

There are no additional required health effect violation notices.

Violations

During the 2024 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water violations:

Compliance Period	Analyte	Comments
No violations occurred in the calendar year 2024		

During the last sanitary survey, the following significant deficiencies were found:

Unresolved Deficiency Date Identified	Facility	Comments
No significant deficiencies were found in the calendar year 2024		

There are no additional required health effect notices.

There are no additional required health effect violation notices.

Supplier Water Quality

Some, or all, of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2024 calendar year from the water system we purchase water from.

Regulated Contaminants	Water System	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	Buckhannon Water Board	0.0263	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	Buckhannon Water Board	0.522	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Note: Buckhannon Water Board also tested for: Antimony, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cyanide, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Thallium, and Selenium. All were found to be Non-Detectable*.

* Values listed as ND (non-detectable) were too small to be detected. Non-detectable means that the amount present, if any, was so small that it cannot be detected using the prescribed testing protocol established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
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GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. RADON & U	4/6/2019	Buckhannon Water Board	2.13	2.13	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
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Secondary Contaminants	Water System	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
SODIUM	Buckhannon Water Board	12.1	MG/L	1000

Total Organic Carbon	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
Carbon, Total (Raw)	2/26/2024	2.94	1.1 – 2.94 1.9 RAA	ppm	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Carbon, Total (Finished)	8/30/2024	2.4	0.7 – 2.4 1.3 RAA	ppm	TT	Naturally present in the environment

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.

During the 2024 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Water System	Type	Category	Analyte	Compliance Period
No Violations were Found in the Calendar Year of 2024				

There are no additional required health effect notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

This report will not be mailed. A copy will be provided to you upon request at our office during regular business hours or you can get one at <https://tinyurl.com/2025ccrhodgesvillelorentz>