

Marion Water Department

Water Quality Report

2025

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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 may be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, 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.

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 may 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, (sewage plants, septic systems, livestock operations, or wildlife). Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, (naturally occurring or from stormwater runoff, wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming). Pesticides and herbicides, (stormwater runoff, agriculture or residential uses). Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, (by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, or from gas stations, stormwater runoff, or septic systems). Radioactive contaminants, (naturally occurring or from oil and gas production or mining activities). In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water to provide the same protection for public health.

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. 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).

Source Information:

Marion Water Department treats surface water from Marion City Lake and Lake George. An analysis of Marion's water supply indicates that there are very few potential contaminant sites with the possibility of contaminating the water supply located within the watershed. Potential areas of concern are the impacts of agrichemicals, specifically atrazine. The city has made extensive public health notifications and increased monitoring. Atrazine levels have fallen to nearly zero due to conservation programs and a switch to non-atrazine based chemicals by area farmers. Other areas of concern located within the watershed are roads and highways which pose a risk due to the possibility of hazardous materials entering the water supply from traffic accidents, spills and illegal dumping. Households which are not connected to a public wastewater system present a source of contamination due to the possibility of failing septic systems. Farms located within the watershed present the possibility of siltation, pathogens, pesticides and fertilizer to enter the water supply. The complete Source Water Assessment Plan is available for review at the Marion Water Department.

Marion purchases supplemental water from Crittenden-Livingston Water District. The source of water for Crittenden-Livingston County Water District is surface water from the lower Cumberland River. Our treatment plant is located in Pinckneyville. An analysis of the susceptibility of the Crittenden-Livingston County Water District water supply to contamination sources indicates that the susceptibility is generally high. A susceptibility analysis evaluates the potential for contaminants to enter the water supply. There are twenty types of potential contaminants in the protection area for the Crittenden Livingston County Water District water supply. These types include bridges, large capacity septic tanks, underground storage tanks, coast guard stations, landfills, chemical storage facilities, rock quarries and mines, auto repair facilities, wastewater treatment plants, barge traffic, asphalt plant and highways. The degree of hazard ranges from moderate to high due to the potential for chemical spills. This is a summary of the source water protection plan. The complete report is available for review at the Crittenden Livingston County Water District office.

Information About Lead:

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. Your local water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact your local water system. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Service Line Inventory Information:

To address lead in drinking water, EPA requires that all community water systems develop and maintain an inventory of service line materials. We have completed a service line inventory (SLI) and it is available for review at our office.

Lead Sample Results Availability Information:

We are required to periodically sample water from customer taps to determine lead and copper levels. EPA sets the lead action level at 0.015 mg/L (15 ppb). For a water system to be in compliance, at least 90% of tap water samples must have lead levels below this limit. This report contains the 90th percentile and range of our most recent sampling. The individual results for each location sampled can be reviewed at our office.

We are only required to test for some contaminants periodically, so the results listed in this report may not be from the previous year. Only detected contaminants are included in this report. For a list of all contaminants we test for please contact us. Copies of this report are available upon request by contacting our office.

Some or all of these definitions may be found in this report:

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 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 (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 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.

Below Detection Levels (BDL) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Not Applicable (N/A) - does not apply.

Parts per million (ppm) - or milligrams per liter, (mg/L). 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, (µg/L). One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) - 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 (ppq) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

Variations & Exemptions (V&E) - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system shall follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Spanish (Español) Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

| Regulated Contaminant Test Results | | | | | | | | Marion Water Department | |
|------------------------------------|-----|------|--------------|--------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|--|--|
| Contaminant [code] (units) | MCL | MCLG | Report Level | Range of Detection | | Date of Sample | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination | |
| Barium [1010] (ppm) | 2 | 2 | 0.019 | 0.019 | to 0.019 | Apr-25 | No | Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits | |
| Fluoride [1025] (ppm) | 4 | 4 | 0.86 | 0.86 | to 0.86 | Apr-25 | No | Water additive which promotes strong teeth | |
| Nitrate [1040] (ppm) | 10 | 10 | 0.68 | 0.68 | to 0.68 | Feb-25 | No | Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits | |

Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors

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|---|-----|-----|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|------|----|-----------------------------------|--|
| Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio) | TT* | N/A | 1.28 (lowest average) | 0.83 | to 1.56 (monthly ratios) | 2025 | No | Naturally present in environment. | |
|---|-----|-----|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|------|----|-----------------------------------|--|

*Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.

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|--|----------|-----------|------------------------|------|------------------------------------|------|----|---|--|
| Chlorine (ppm) | MRDL = 4 | MRDLG = 4 | 1.32 (highest average) | 0.43 | to 2.3 | 2025 | No | Water additive used to control microbes. | |
| HAA (ppb) (Stage 2) [Haloacetic acids] | 60 | N/A | 58 (high site average) | 18 | to 102 (range of individual sites) | 2025 | No | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection | |
| TTHM (ppb) (Stage 2) [total trihalomethanes] | 80 | N/A | 80 (high site average) | 26 | to 149 (range of individual sites) | 2025 | No | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection. | |

Household Plumbing Contaminants

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|---|----------|-----|-------------------------------------|---|----------|--------|----|---|--|
| Copper (ppm) Round 1 sites exceeding action level 0 | AL = 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.046 (90 th percentile) | 0 | to 0.274 | Jul-24 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems | |
| Lead (ppb) Round 1 sites exceeding action level 0 | AL = 15 | 0 | 0 (90 th percentile) | 0 | to 2 | Jul-24 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems | |

Other Constituents

| Turbidity (NTU) TT | Allowable Levels | Highest Single Measurement | Lowest Monthly % | Violation | Likely Source of Turbidity |
|---|--|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| * Representative samples Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of the water and not a contaminant. | No more than 1 NTU* Less than 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly samples | 0.298 | 100 | No | Soil runoff |

| Fluoride (added for dental health) | Average | Range of Detection |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| | 0.9 | 0.69 to 0.96 |
| Sodium (EPA guidance level = 20 mg/L) | 10.7 | 10.7 to 10.7 |

Secondary contaminants do not have a direct impact on the health of consumers. They are being included to provide additional information about the quality of the water.

| Secondary Contaminant | Maximum Allowable Level | Report Level | Range of Detection | Date of Sample |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Chloride | 250 mg/l | 16.1 | 16.1 to 16.1 | Apr-25 |
| Corrosivity | Noncorrosive | -1.67 | -1.67 to -1.67 | Apr-25 |
| Fluoride | 2.0 mg/l | 0.85 | 0.85 to 0.85 | Apr-25 |
| Iron | 0.3 mg/l | 0.178 | 0.178 to 0.178 | Apr-25 |
| pH | 6.5 to 8.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 to 7.5 | Apr-25 |
| Sulfate | 250 mg/l | 6.1 | 6.1 to 6.1 | Apr-25 |
| Total Dissolved Solids | 500 mg/l | 90 | 90 to 90 | Apr-25 |

| Regulated Contaminant Test Results | | | | | | | | Crittenden-Livingston County Water District | |
|--|---|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| Contaminant [code] (units) | MCL | MCLG | Report Level | Range of Detection | | Date of Sample | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination | |
| Barium [1010] (ppm) | 2 | 2 | 0.026 | 0.026 | to 0.026 | Oct-25 | No | Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits | |
| Fluoride [1025] (ppm) | 4 | 4 | 0.75 | 0.75 | to 0.75 | Oct-25 | No | Water additive which promotes strong teeth | |
| Nitrate [1040] (ppm) | 10 | 10 | 0.536 | 0.536 | to 0.536 | May-25 | No | Fertilizer runoff; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits | |
| Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides | | | | | | | | | |
| 2,4-D [2105] (ppb) | 70 | 70 | BDL | BDL | to 0.34 | Apr-25 | No | Runoff from herbicide used on row crops | |
| Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio) | TT* | N/A | 1.37 (lowest average) | 1.12 | to 2.21 (monthly ratios) | 2025 | No | Naturally present in environment. | |
| *Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average must be 1.00 or greater for compliance. | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Constituents | | | | | | | | | |
| Turbidity (NTU) TT * Representative samples | Allowable Levels | | Highest Single Measurement | | Lowest Monthly % | Violation | Likely Source of Turbidity | | |
| Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of the water and not a contaminant. | No more than 1 NTU* Less than 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly samples | | 0.13 | | 100 | No | Soil runoff | | |
| Fluoride (added for dental health) | | | Average | | Range of Detection | | | | |
| | | | 0.7 | | 0.61 to 0.84 | | | | |

Marion Violations

2025-9739227 - Each month we are required to complete a Monthly Operation Report (MOR) and submit it to the Kentucky Division of Water by the tenth of the following month. This report includes daily testing results. Chlorine samples are collected every day in the distribution system and tested for chlorine residuals and those results are recorded in our MOR. Samples collected on June 10 and June 11, 2025 indicated the free chlorine residual was below the 0.2 ppm level required and this triggered a violation. After this event the water system personnel have been trained to initiate a flushing of the water lines to restore the chlorine residuals to required levels.

2025-9739226 - We failed to demonstrate to the Kentucky Division of Water that we delivered annual notifications and information to affected consumers with lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service lines as required by July 1, 2025. Although the failure to comply with the reporting requirement does not create a risk to public health, we are required to inform you of this violation and provide additional information including what we did to correct the situation.

It is important for consumers to know if the water they are receiving has been delivered through a lead, galvanized requiring replacement (GRR), or lead status unknown service line so they can make decisions on whether and what actions to take to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water. The letters to the affected customers were distributed on 9/24/2025 and the certification to the Kentucky Division of Water was submitted on 12/4/2025. There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other actions. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit the EPA's websites at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water> and <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

For more information, please contact Jeff Black at 270-965-4731 or 217 S Main St Ste.106, Marion, KY 42064.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.