

MORTON SALT

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Department of Health Services
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
850 Marina Bay Parkway, Building P, 2nd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804
Attn: Eric Swing

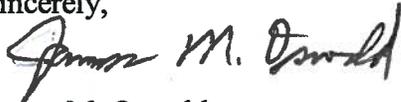
Re: Morton Salt, Inc.
Water System No. 0104010
2013 Consumer Confidence Report Certification

Dear Mr. Swing:

Please find enclosed the Consumer Confidence Report Certification for Morton Salt, Inc., Water System Number 0104010. Also enclosed is a copy of the water system's 2013 Consumer Confidence Report completed on June 23, 2014.

Please advise if this submittal does not meet your requirements.

Sincerely,



James M. Oswald
Plant Manager



ATTACHMENT 7

Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form

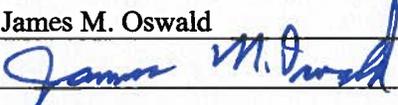
(to be submitted with a copy of the CCR)

(to certify electronic delivery of the CCR, use the certification form on the Department's website at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/CCR.aspx>)

Water System Name: Morton Salt, Inc.

Water System Number: 0104010

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on June 26, 2014 to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the California Department of Public Health.

Certified by: Name: James M. Oswald
Signature: 
Title: Plant Manager
Phone Number: (510) 795-4521 Date: 9-12-14

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- Posting the CCR on the Internet at www._____
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- Publication of the CCR in a local newspaper of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published)
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 1. Mill
 2. Pan House
 3. Maintenance Shop
 4. Administration Building
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- Delivery to community organizations (attach a list of organizations)
- Other (attach a list of other methods used)

- For systems serving at least 100,000 persons:* Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible internet site at the following address: www._____
- For privately-owned utilities:* Delivered the CCR to the California Public Utilities Commission

This form is provided as a convenience and may be used to meet the certification requirement of section 64483(c), California Code of Regulations.

2013 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: Morton Salt, Inc.

Report Date: June 23, 2014

We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2013 and may include earlier monitoring data.

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

Type of water source(s) in use: Wells

Name & general location of source(s): Well No. 8 and Well No. 9
7380 Morton Avenue
Newark, CA 94560

Drinking Water Source Assessment information: A source assessment was conducted for the Well No. 8 of the Morton Salt, Inc. water system in January 2001. No contaminants have been detected in the water supply, however, the source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities:

Chemical/petroleum processing/storage

Sewer collection systems

Wells-water supply

A source assessment was conducted for the Well 9 of the Morton Salt, Inc. water system in December 2013. The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants:

Chemical/petroleum processing/storage

There have been no contaminants associated with specific potentially contaminating activities detected in the water supply, however the source is still considered vulnerable to activities located near the wells.

A copy of the completed assessment may be viewed at:

Morton Salt, Inc. Water System

7380 Morton Avenue

Newark, CA 94560

or

Drinking Water Program – San Francisco District

850 Marina Bay Pkwy

Bldg. P, 2nd Fl.

Richmond, CA 94804-6403

Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: Not Applicable

For more information, contact: Arsenia G. Abutin

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TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

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 are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Public Health Goal (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.

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.

Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS): MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

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

Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Variations and Exemptions: Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

ND: not detectable at testing limit

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)

ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

ppq: parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

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*, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural 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, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the California Department of Public Health (Department) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The Department allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

TABLE 1 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if bacteria detected)	Highest No. of Detections	No. of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	(In a mo.)		More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	(In the year)		A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	0	Human and animal fecal waste

TABLE 2 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER

Lead and Copper (complete if lead or copper detected in the last sample set)	Sample Date	No. of samples collected	90 th percentile level detected	No. sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	7/27/12	5	6.2	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	7/27/12	5	0.27	0	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

TABLE 3 – SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	6/29/05 3/7/12	293	236-350	none	none	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	6/29/05 3/7/12	534	440-627	none	none	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

*Any violation of an MCL or AL is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

TABLE 4 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Radioactive Contaminants:						
Gross Beta Particle Activity (pCi/L)	6/6/07 3/7/12	1.71	1.27-2.14	50	(0)	Decay of natural and man-made deposit
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	6/6/07 3/7/12	3.49	1.63-5.34	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Radium (for NTNCWS) (pCi/L)	3/7/12 6/22/12	1.42	0.874-1.93	5	n/a	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	2/7/2013	1		20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants:						
Aluminum (ppm)	6/29/05 6/20/13 & 10/25/13	0.23	0.04-0.76	1	0.6	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes

Arsenic (ppb)	6/29/05	5		10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Asbestos (MFL)	3/7/12	3.2		7	7	Internal corrosion of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	1/16/13 – 12/13/13	0.67	0.54-0.8	1	2	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Total Chromium (ppb)	3/7/12	19		50	(100)	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	7/27/12	0.27		(AL= 1.3)	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride (ppm)	3/7/12	0.11		2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Lead (ppb)	7/27/12	6.2		(AL = 15)	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppb)	3/7/12	22		100	12	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories
Selenium (ppb)	6/29/05	7		50	30	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots (feed additive)

Disinfection Byproducts, Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection Byproduct Precursors

Chlorine (ppm)	1/2013 – 12/2013	1.4	1.5	(MRDL = 4.0 (as Cl ₂))	(MRDLG = 4 (as Cl ₂))	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
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TABLE 5 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Aluminum (ppb)	6/29/05 6/20/13 & 10/25/13	230*	40-760	200		Erosion of natural deposits; residual from some surface water treatment processes
Color (units)	6/29/05	5		15		Naturally-occurring organic materials
Iron (ppb)	6/29/05 3/7/12	3555*	100-7000	300		Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Foaming Agents (MBAS) (ppb)	6/29/05	0.03		500		Industrial waste discharges
Manganese (ppb)	6/29/05 3/7/12	350*	20-460	50		Leaching from natural deposits
Odor - - Threshold (units)	6/29/05	1		3		Naturally-occurring organic materials
Turbidity (Units)	6/29/05 3/7/12	49*	0.4-98	5		Soil runoff

Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	6/29/05 3/7/12	1640*	1600-1680	1000		Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	6/22/12 3/7/12 & 10/23/12	2475*	2100-2600	1600		Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Chloride (ppm)	6/29/05 3/7/12	674*	627-720	500		Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	6/29/05 3/7/12	36	23.1-49	500		Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes

TABLE 6 – DETECTION OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects Language

*Any violation of an MCL, MRDL, or TT is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

Additional General Information on Drinking Water

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 USEPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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 lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Lead-Specific Language for Community Water Systems: If present, elevated levels of 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. [INSERT NAME OF UTILITY] is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting 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. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT,
or Monitoring and Reporting Requirement**

VIOLATION OF A MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, OR MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT				
Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct the Violation	Health Effects Language
Aluminum	Detection is slightly above the MCL for the secondary standard, but, below the MCL for the primary standard.	N/A	Non-community water systems, such as Morton Salt, are not required to comply with secondary MCLs. Morton Salt utilizes bottled water for drinking.	Secondary MCLs are set on the basis of aesthetics.
Iron	The iron analysis conducted on the newly constructed well yielded a high result due to leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.	N/A		
Manganese	The high manganese level was due to leaching from natural deposits	N/A		
Turbidity	The high turbidity level was due to soil runoff	N/A		
Total Dissolved Solids	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits	N/A		
Specific Conductance	The high specific conductance was due to seawater influence.	N/A		
Chloride	The high chloride level was due to runoff/leaching from natural deposits	N/A		

For Water Systems Providing Ground Water as a Source of Drinking Water

**TABLE 7 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING
FECAL INDICATOR-POSITIVE GROUND WATER SOURCE SAMPLES**

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if fecal-indicator detected)	Total No. of Detections	Sample Dates	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
<i>E. coli</i>	(In the year)		0	(0)	Human and animal fecal waste
Enterococci	(In the year)		TT	n/a	Human and animal fecal waste
Coliphage	(In the year)		TT	n/a	Human and animal fecal waste

**Summary Information for Fecal Indicator-Positive Ground Water Source Samples,
Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies, or Ground Water TT**

SPECIAL NOTICE OF FECAL INDICATOR-POSITIVE GROUND WATER SOURCE SAMPLE				
SPECIAL NOTICE FOR UNCORRECTED SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES				
VIOLATION OF GROUND WATER TT				
TT Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct the Violation	Health Effects Language

For Systems Providing Surface Water as a Source of Drinking Water

TABLE 8 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING TREATMENT OF SURFACE WATER SOURCES	
Treatment Technique ^(a) (Type of approved filtration technology used)	
Turbidity Performance Standards ^(b) (that must be met through the water treatment process)	Turbidity of the filtered water must: 1 – Be less than or equal to ____ NTU in 95% of measurements in a month. 2 – Not exceed ____ NTU for more than eight consecutive hours. 3 – Not exceed ____ NTU at any time.
Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standard No. 1.	
Highest single turbidity measurement during the year	
Number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements	

(a) A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

(b) Turbidity (measured in NTU) is a measurement of the cloudiness of water and is a good indicator of water quality and filtration performance. Turbidity results which meet performance standards are considered to be in compliance with filtration requirements.

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Summary Information for Violation of a Surface Water TT

**Summary Information for Fecal Indicator-Positive Ground Water Source Samples,
Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies, or Ground Water TT**

SPECIAL NOTICE OF FECAL INDICATOR-POSITIVE GROUND WATER SOURCE SAMPLE				
SPECIAL NOTICE FOR UNCORRECTED SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES				
VIOLATION OF GROUND WATER TT				
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Summary Information for Violation of a Surface Water TT

