City of La Verne Water Quality Report 2014

Each year, California water utilities provide an annual water quality report to their customers. This year's report covers the 2013 calendar year water quality testing and has been prepared in compliance with new regulations called for in the 1996 reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report will give you an overview of how the City of La Verne provides your tap water and will explain the many steps we take to insure that the high quality of our water stays protected. The City of La Verne vigilantly safeguards its water supply and, as in years past, the water delivered to your home meets or exceeds the standards required by the state and federal regulatory agencies. In accordance with the SDWA, the City monitors many constituents in your water supply. This report includes only the constituents actually detected in the water. As you will see throughout this report, the water provided to City of La Verne customers meets or exceeds all federal and state quality standards.

If you would like more information, or have any questions regarding the quality or delivery of your water service, please contact Daniel W. Keesey, Director of Public Works, City of La Verne, 3660 "D" Street, La Verne, CA 91750, or by phone at (909) 596-8741. The City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month in the Council Chambers at the same address above.

Types and locations of water sources: Local groundwater provides approximately 28 percent of our water; however, most of our supply (72 percent) is purchased from the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) who treats water received from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). MWD provides supplemental water to about 300 cities and unincorporated areas in Southern California, importing water from two separate sources: the Colorado River and the State Water Project. The water we purchase is treated by Three Valleys Municipal Water District at the Miramar Treatment Plant.

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.

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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 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 agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A source water assessment was conducted for Beech Street Well, La Verne Heights Well 01, La Verne Heights Well 02, La Verne Heights Well 03, Lincoln Well, Mills Tract Well, Old Baldy Well, Amherst Well, and Walnut Well for the City of La Verne Water Department in March 2002. These sources are considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants: hospitals, high density housing, storm drain discharge points, transportation corridors – road-right-of-ways, sewer collection systems, high density septic system, dry cleaners, historic gas stations, confirmed leaking underground fuel tanks, automobile gas stations, plastics/synthetics producers. A copy of the complete assessment may be viewed at: DHS Los Angeles District Office, 1449 Temple Street, Room 202, Los Angeles, CA 90026. You may request a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting Chi P. Diep, District Engineer, Metropolitan District, (213) 580-5723.

In December 2002, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California completed its source water assessment of its Colorado River and State Water Project supplies. Colorado River supplies are considered to be most vulnerable to recreation, urban/storm water runoff, increasing urbanization in the watershed and wastewater. State Water Project supplies are considered to be most vulnerable to urban/storm water runoff, wildlife, agriculture, recreation and wastewater. A copy of the assessment can be obtained by contacting MWD by phone at (213) 217-6850.

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 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 requires us to monitor for 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, are more than one year old. The City also participated in unregulated contaminant monitoring. Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to establish regulations for those contaminants. All constituents for this testing were non-detectable (ND) in our groundwater supply with the exception of boron, perchlorate, and vanadium which are listed in table 5.

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TABLE 1 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA

Microbiological Contaminants (to be completed only if there was a detection of bacteria)	Groundwater (28 %)	Miramar Plant (72%)	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	MCL Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria Highest percent of positive samples in one month 5%	No acute violation, 0 positive sample	No acute violations, 0 positive samples	More than 5% of samples collected in one month with positive detection	0	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or *E. coli* ** 2/3/11 sampling station at 7400 Avenida Del Risco (Note: Not Groundwater)	0 acute violation, 0 positive sample	No acute violations, 0 positive samples	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or *E. coli*	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste

TABLE 2 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER AT RESIDENTIAL TAPS

Lead and Copper (last tested 2013; next test due 2014)		Samples collected	90th percentile level detected	No. of Sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	AL (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant Violation
Lead (ppb)	July December	59 63	9.4 14	3 3	15 19	2 2	No No	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	July December	59 63	0.10 0.10	0 0	1.3 1.3	0.17 0.17	No No	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

TABLE 3 - SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Groundwater (28%) (Range)	Miramar Plant (72%) (Average)	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	MCL Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
(last tested in 2013) Sodium (ppm)	30 – 82	58	none	none	No	Generally found in ground and surface water
Hardness (ppm)	100 – 410	120	none	none	No	Generally found in ground and surface water

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

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Groundwater (28%) (Range/Average)	Miramar Plant (72%) (Range/Average)	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	MCL Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
CLARITY						
Combined Filter Effluent Turbity (NTU)	–	.07	5	NS	No	Soil runoff
ORGANIC CHEMICALS (last tested 2013)						
1,1 Dichloroethane (ppb)	ND – 0.91/0.19	ND	5	3	No	Extraction and degreasing solvent, fumigant
Tetrachloroethene (PCE) (ppb)	ND–0.91/0.20	ND	5	0.06	No	Discharge from factories, dry cleaners & auto shops
Trichloroethylene (ppb)	ND – 23/4.8	ND	5	0.8	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	—	37.1 – 57/47.8	80	N/A	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
INORGANIC CHEMICALS (testing required every year except Fluoride testing required every three years; last tested 2013)						
Flouride (ppm) *(naturally occurring)*	.4 – 1.0/0.65	0.15	2	1	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth
Nitrate as NO3 (ppm)	38 – 100/67*	1.9-2.7/2.4	45	45	No*	Runoff & leaching from fertilizer; leaching from septic tanks & sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Perchlorates (ppm)	ND – 15/7*	ND	6	6	No*	Industrial waste discharge
RADIONUCLIDES (testing required every nine years; last tested 2006)						
Gross Beta Particle Activity (pCi/L)	ND – 4.3/.23	ND	50	(0)	No	Decay of natural and manmade deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	3.2	ND	20	(0)	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	—	ND	N/A	0.05	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	ND	ND	N/A	0.019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Tritium (pCi/L)	—	ND	20,000	400	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Stronium-90	—	.093	8	0.35	No	Decay of natural and manmade deposits

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.

Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs 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.

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 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).

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

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

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

NC: not collected

ND: not detectable at testing limit

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

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

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

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

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.

TABLE 5 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Groundwater (28%) (Range/Average)	Miramar Plant (72%) (Range/Average)	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	MCL Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
AESTHETIC STANDARDS (testing required every three years; last tested 2013)						
Chloride (ppm)	23 – 73/48.5	76	250	NS[2]	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Iron (ppb)	ND – 210/23.3	ND	300	NA	No	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial waste
Odor Threshold (units)	ND	1	3	NS	No	Naturally occurring organic materials
Specific Conductance (mS/cm)	560–1000/785	540	1600	NS	No	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	58–120/86	51	500	NS	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	350–540/475	320	1000	NS	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS						
Alkalinity (ppm)	120 – 200/175	86 – 92/88	NS	NS	No	Measure of water quality
Calcium (ppm)	33 – 110/87	31	NS	NS	No	Measure of water quality
Magnesium (ppm)	3.9 – 28/20	12	7.9	NS	No	Measure of water quality
pH (units)	7.2 – 8.0/7.6	8.3 – 8.53/8.41	NS	NS	No	Measure of water quality
Potassium (ppm)	1.3 – 2.3/1.8	1.3 – 2.6/1.95	NS	NS	No	Measure of water quality
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	ND	1.2 – 2.4/1.9	NS	NS	No	Various natural and manmade sources
UNREGULATED CHEMICALS OF NOTE REQUIRING MONITORING						
Boron (ppb)	ND – 260/1.5	210	NS	NL=1000	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Vanadium	5 – 13/7.2	3.14	NS	NL=50	No	Naturally occurring; industrial waste discharge

* Any MCL or AL above the MCL is asterisked. Additional information regarding the asterisked items is listed below.

1 MWD has developed a flavor profile analysis method that can more accurately detect odor occurrences. For more information, contact Three Valleys Municipal Water District (909) 621-5568

2 NS means no standard has been set as an MCL or PHG

Summary Information for Contaminants Exceeding an MCL or AL

The range for nitrate in the groundwater sample results may be above the MCL. These values are for wells only which account for approximately 28 percent of the total water supplied to our customers. The content at your tap is well below the MCL, ranging from ND - 33 ppm for nitrate and ND – 5.3 ppm for perchlorate. The range for trichloroethylene in the groundwater sample results may also be above the MCL; however, the groundwater goes through an air stripping process that reduces the trichloroethylene to nearly nondetectable levels.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 45 mg/L is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in a serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 45 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your healthcare provider.

Lead in Drinking Water

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and/or flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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. The City of La Verne 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.*

Additional General Information on Drinking Water

All 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).

More Resources for Water Information

The City of La Verne cares about our customers and the water we supply to them. We always welcome any calls or questions regarding the quality or delivery of our water. Our customer service office can be reached at (909) 596-8744. For more information about water use efficiency and available rebates, please visit the City's website at www.ci.la-verne.ca.us and look for environmental programs in the Public Works Department section.

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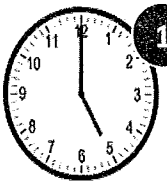
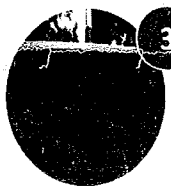


1. Use your sprinklers before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. any day of the week.

2. Don't allow your irrigation water to overspray or runoff your property.



3. Never use a hose to clean driveways, sidewalks, patios, walkways, streets, or alleys.

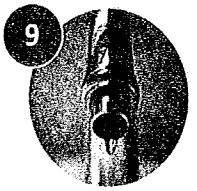
4. Use water efficiently and fix all leaks.

5. Use a bucket and hose nozzle to wash your car.

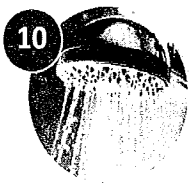
6. Limit watering to only a few days a week.

7. Replace old toilets and clothes washers with high-efficiency models.

8. Wash only full loads of clothes and dishes.



9. Fix all leaking faucets, showerheads and irrigation systems immediately.



10. Take shorter showers.

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City of La Verne Annual Water Quality Report

La Verne, CA- The City of La Verne has released its annual water quality report for 2013. The report was mailed to residents the week of June 9th and is also available on the City's website at www.ci.la-verne.ca.us.

Water quality reports are available in person at La Verne City Hall, the La Verne Library, the La Verne Community Center or in the City Council Chambers.

For more information or if you would like a copy of the report mailed to you, please contact the water customer service department at (909) 596-8744.

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