

ARIZONA WATER COMPANY

— 2008 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR AJO, ARIZONA, PWSID #10-003 —

This report contains important information about your drinking water. *Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber.*

Arizona Water Company provides groundwater to its Ajo customers from water purchased from the Ajo Improvement Company. **The water supplied by the Company meets all state and federal safe drinking water standards.**

The data in the accompanying tables are from water samples that have been analyzed by independent laboratories, which are certified by the Arizona Department of Health Services.

DETECTED WATER QUALITY CONSTITUENTS

Water Quality Constituent	Units	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Sample Year	Likely Source of Detected Constituent **
Inorganics							
1. Arsenic	ppb	n/a	10	4	4	2006	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
2. Chromium	ppb	100	100	18	18	2006	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
3. Fluoride	ppm	4	4	2.6	2.6	2006	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
4. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	ppm	10	10	3.8	3.8	2008	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts							
Water Quality Constituent	Units	MRDLG	MRDL	Running Annual Average	Range of Levels Detected	Sample Year	Likely Source of Detected Constituent **
5. Chlorine	ppm	0	4	0.74	0.3 - 1.3	2008	Water additive used to control microbes
Water Quality Constituent	Units	MCLG	MCL	Running Annual Average	Range of Levels Detected	Sample Year	Likely Source of Detected Constituent **
6. Haloacetic Acids (five)	ppb	n/a	60	7.7	7.7	2007	By-product of drinking water disinfection
7. Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	n/a	80	27.2	27.2	2007	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Synthetic Organics, Unregulated Volatile Organics, and Other Unregulated Constituents							
Water Quality Constituent	Units	Average Level Detected		Range of Levels Detected	Sample Year	Likely Source of Detected Constituent **	
8. Sodium	ppm	180		180	2006	Unknown	
Constituents Subject to an Action Level							
Water Quality Constituent	Units	Action Level	90 th Percentile of Sample Results	Number of Samples That Exceeded the Action Level	Sample Year	Likely Source of Detected Constituent **	
9. Copper	ppm	1.3	0.01	0	2008	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	

** Sources of constituents are unknown, but are generally believed to be resulting from those sources listed.

In addition to the water quality constituents listed in the above table, Arizona Water Company's water supplies were tested for the following constituents and such constituents were **not detected**: Total Coliform Bacteria, Fecal Coliform, *E. Coli*, Antimony, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Cyanide, Lead, Mercury (Inorganic), Selenium, Thallium, 2,4-D, 2,4,5-TP (Silvex), Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene (PAH), Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl) Adipate, Di(2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate, Dibromochloropropane, Dinoseb, Diquat, Endothal, Endrin, Ethylene Dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor Epoxide, Hexa-chlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vydate), PCBs (Polychlorinated Biphenyls), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Sima-zine, Toxaphene, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, (Mono)Chlorobenzene, o-Dichlorobenzene, p-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Toluene, Vinyl Chloride, Xylenes, Aldicarb, Aldicarb Sulfone, Aldicarb Sulfoxide, Aldrin, Bromo-benzene, Bromodichloromethane, Bromoform, Bromomethane (Methyl Bromide), Butachlor, Carbaryl, Chlorodibromomethane, Chloroethane, Chloroform, Chlo-romethane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Dibromomethane, Dicamba, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, 1,3-Dichloropropane, 1,1-Dichloropropene, 1,3-Dichloropropene, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methomyl, Metholachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor, 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, Combined Radium 226/228, Uranium, and Nickel.

REQUIRED NOTICE FOR FLUORIDE

This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/l) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The drinking water provided by your community water system has a fluoride concentration of 2.6 mg/l.

Dental fluorosis in its moderate or severe forms, may result in a brown staining and or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You may also want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water.

Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/l of fluoride (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4 mg/l of fluoride, but we're required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2 mg/l because of this cosmetic problem.

For more information, please call Ray Murrieta of Arizona Water Company's Casa Grande Division at 520-836-8785. Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call NSF International at 1-877-8-NSF-HELP.

Note: Data presented are from the most recent testing done in accordance with applicable regulations. Some constituents are monitored less frequently than once a year because either their concentrations do not change frequently or they are not likely to be detected. Therefore, some of the water quality testing data contained herein, although representative, may be more than one year old. If you have questions about this water quality report please contact R. W. Henderson, Vice President of Operations, Arizona Water Company, P. O. Box 29006, Phoenix, Arizona 85038-9006. Telephone (602) 240-6860 or e-mail mail@azwater.com.

In 2004, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) completed a Source Water Assessment of the Ajo Improvement Company, which is the source of water used by Arizona Water Company's Ajo water system. The Assessment reviewed the adjacent land uses that may pose a potential risk to the wells. These risks include, but are not limited to: gas stations, landfills, dry cleaners, agriculture fields, waste water treatment plants, and mining activities. Once ADEQ identified the adjacent land uses, they were ranked as to their potential to affect the wells. The result of the Assessment was a low risk to the source.

Residents can help protect sources by practicing good septic system maintenance, taking hazardous household chemicals to hazardous material collection sites, and limiting pesticide and fertilizer use.

The complete Assessment is available for inspection at the ADEQ, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Electronic copies are available from ADEQ at dml@azdeq.gov. For more information, call Regina Lynde, Environmental Compliance Supervisor at Arizona Water Company at 602-240-6860 or visit the ADEQ's Source Water Assessment and Protection Unit website at: www.azdeq.gov/envirom/water/dw/swap.html.

The EPA requires that Arizona Water Company provide the following information:

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of various 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).

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).

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.

Constituents that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbials, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. (B) Inorganics, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses. (D) Organics, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. (E) Radionuclides, which 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, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain constituents in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for constituents in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

DEFINITIONS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND UNIT DESCRIPTIONS:

AL	= Action Level, the concentration of a constituent, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements, which a water system must follow
MCL	= Maximum Contaminant Level, the highest level of a constituent that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology
MCLG	= Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, the level of a constituent in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety
MRDL	= Maximum Residual Disinfection Level, the highest level of a constituent that is allowed in drinking water
MRDLG	= Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal, the level of a constituent in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs allow for a margin of safety
EPA	= The United States Environmental Protection Agency
FDA	= The United States Food and Drug Administration
CDC	= The United States Centers For Disease Control
ppm	= Parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	= Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)
pCi/L	= Picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
n/a	= None adopted
nd	= None detected

Distributed in June 2009 with the water bills.