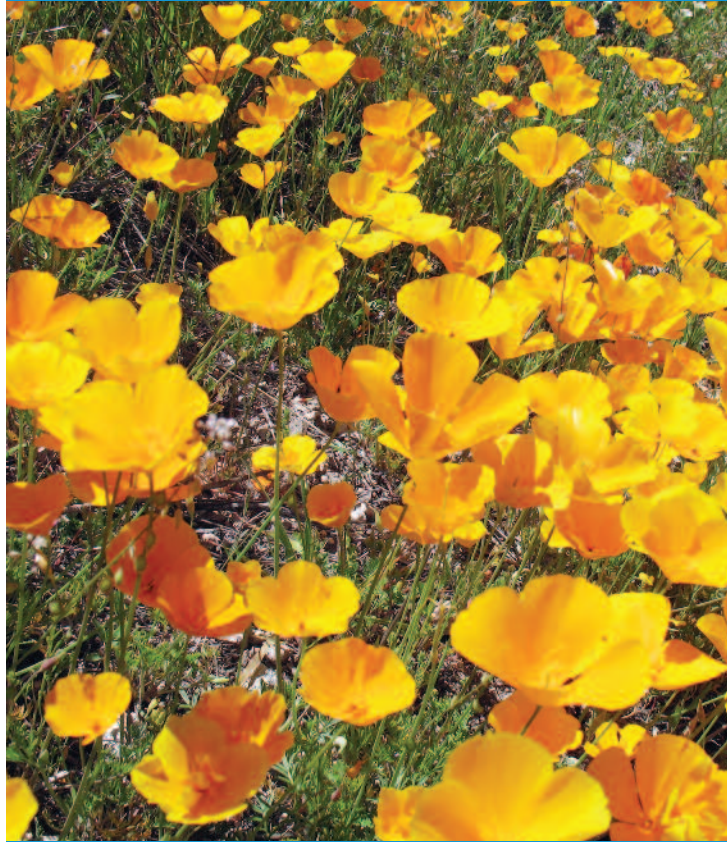


Annual Water Quality Report

Water Testing Performed in 2008



City of Vallejo System, CA4810007

City of Vallejo Lakes System, CA4810021

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

Ang ulat na ito ay nagtataglay ng mahalagang inpormasyon. Kung kayo ay may tanong o nangangailangan ng karagdagang kaalaman ukol sa ulat na ito sa wikang Pilipino, mangyari lamang na tawagan si Jun Malit sa telepono (707) 648-4309.



The City of Vallejo welcomes this yearly opportunity to

provide our customers with the Annual Water Quality Report. We have included information so you know where your drinking water comes from, how it is treated and how its quality compares to drinking water standards.

This report tells you that in 2008, after testing for more than 100 different constituents, your drinking water meets all primary and secondary standards established by the California Department of Public Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Primary standards are health related standards whereas secondary standards relate to consumer acceptance of the water supply and govern qualities such as taste, odor and color.

The tables in this report show each constituent found, the level at which they occur, how their level compares with standards and their most likely source. For more information about this report, or for any questions relating to your drinking water, please call Sue Littlefield, City of Vallejo, Laboratory Supervisor, at (707) 649-3473.

Public Participation

You are invited to participate in our public forum and voice your opinions and concerns about your drinking water. The Vallejo City Council meets on various Tuesdays, throughout the year, at 7:00 p.m. at 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo. You may call the City Clerk at (707) 648-4527 for specific meeting dates.

Your Water Treatment Process

The City of Vallejo water system and service area receives its finished water from the forty-two million gallons per day Fleming Hill Water Treatment Plant. This conventional treatment facility utilizes a multi-barrier process to ensure compliance with all State and Federal drinking water regulations and standards.

Initially, ozone is added to help remove dissolved organic matter and to aid in downstream processes. The water then flows to mixing basins where coagulants are added and the water is gently agitated so that fine suspended particles come together to form large 'floc' particles that settle out of the water. This process, known as coagulation, flocculation and sedimentation is followed by the addition of more ozone to disinfect and remove unwanted color, taste and odor.

The next step is filtration, where the water flows through multimedia filters consisting of granular activated carbon and sand in order to meet

strict standards for clarity and to reduce the levels of microbial contaminants that could be in the untreated source water. Following filtration, the water receives additions of caustic soda, for pH and alkalinity control; fluoride, for the prevention of dental caries; and finally, chlorination to provide microbial protection throughout Vallejo's distribution system. Quality control and assurance is maintained at all times through uniform adherence to standard operating procedures and a meticulous schedule of laboratory analyses.

The City of Vallejo Lakes System's Green Valley Water Treatment Plant, which provides service to the Lakes service area, can treat up to one million gallons a day providing customers with drinking water meeting all drinking water standards.

First, the MIEX™ pretreatment process removes naturally occurring dissolved organic matter. This treatment, using ion exchange resin, enables us to meet the Disinfectant/Disinfection By-products Rule by sufficiently lowering the levels of total organic carbon, therefore limiting the formation of disinfection by-products such as total trihalomethanes. Total trihalomethanes are chemicals formed over time in the distribution system when dissolved organic matter combines with chlorine. Regulations require we use chlorine to disinfect surface water.

The treatment plant's conventional treatment process uses polymer to promote coagulation, flocculation and sedimentation to remove the majority of soil particles from the water. Then, the water gravity flows through multimedia filters consisting of anthracite and sand so that it will meet clarity standards required to decrease microbial contaminants and to aid the disinfection process. Depending on which water source or blend of sources we are treating (Lakes Madigan and Frey and/or Putah South Canal) we may add soda ash in order to increase alkalinity and pH. The last step of the treatment process adds chlorine to disinfect the water supply and provide continual protection in the distribution system. This treatment plant does not add fluoride to your water.



A Message From the United States Environmental Protection Agency

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, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural 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, that 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, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural applications and septic systems; and
- 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (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 must provide the same protection for public health.

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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.



Lake Madigan Source Water for the Lakes Service Area

Your Water Sources

The City of Vallejo owns and operates two permitted public water systems for the benefit of our customers in two major service areas. The City of Vallejo Water System and service area provides drinking water to customers within the city limits, to some customers in the unincorporated areas adjacent to City boundaries and to a limited number of customers in the City of American Canyon.

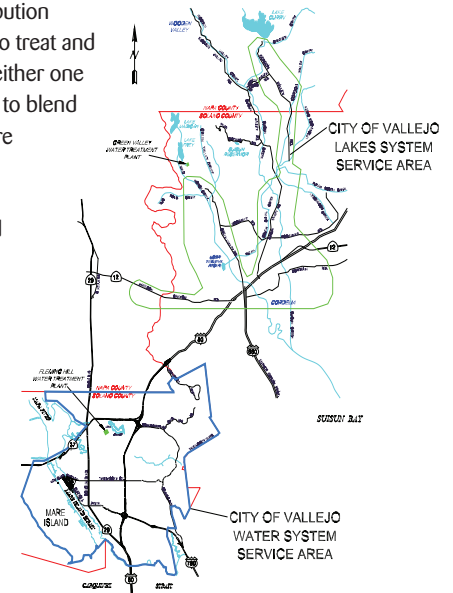
The City of Vallejo Water System customers are fortunate because they enjoy an abundant water supply from two surface water sources. The Solano Project provides source water from Lake Berryessa, transported to our facilities by the Putah South Canal.

The City also receives surface water from the State Water Project. This water, from Lake Oroville, travels through the Sacramento River to the State's North Bay Aqueduct pumping facilities.

Our source water pumping and distribution facilities enable us to treat and deliver water from either one of these sources or to blend these sources before treatment at the Fleming Hill Water Treatment Plant and distribution to the Vallejo service area.

The City of Vallejo Lakes System and service area is a public water system with its own treatment plant and distribution system that delivers drinking water to customers residing in the Green Valley, Old Cordelia, Jameson Canyon, Suisun Valley, Willotta Oaks and Gordon Valley areas.

This system and service area also has water available from two distinct surface water sources. In addition to the Solano Project's Lake Berryessa water delivered from the Putah South Canal by agreement with the Solano Irrigation District, this system treats water from Lakes Frey and Madigan, which are two interconnected lakes owned by the City of Vallejo. The Green Valley Water Treatment Plant can either treat these two sources separately or blend these two sources before treatment and delivery to our customers. In case of emergencies, portions of this system can receive treated water from the City of Fairfield. For a copy of their Annual Water Quality Report, please call (707) 428-7594.



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PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS - Health Related Standards

PARAMETER/CONSTITUENTS (units of measurement)	STATE MCL	PHG	VALLEJO SERVICE AREA		LAKES SERVICE AREA		MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
			RANGE	AVG	RANGE	AVG	
INORGANICS							
FLUORIDE (ppm)	2	1	0.5 - 1.2	1	0.1 - 0.2	0.1	Water additive or natural minerals
NITRATE as NO ₃ (ppm)	45	45	ND - 2.4	ND	ND	ND	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer
MICROBIAL							
TOTAL COLIFORM (% positive samples)	5% or 1 sample	0	ND - 1.1%	ND	ND - 1 sample	ND	Naturally present in the environment
For the City of Vallejo Water System, no more than 5% of all samples taken during a single month may be positive for total coliform bacteria. For the Lakes System, no more than one sample per month may be positive for coliform bacteria.							
CLARITY							
TURBIDITY (NTU)	TT = 95% of samples ≤ 0.3 TT = % reduction ≥ 80% Maximum ≤ 1	n/a	99% of samples ≤ 0.3 99.6% - 99.9% Maximum = 0.8	99.8%	100% of samples ≤ 0.3 98.7% - 99.9% Maximum = 0.18	99.6%	Soil runoff
Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. MCL compliance is based on all samples taken each month. All samples were in compliance.							
RADIOLOGICAL							
COMBINED RADIUM 226 + 228 (pCi/L)	15	0	1.58 - 1.58	1.58	ND	ND	Erosion of natural deposits
Last sampled in 2007. The state requires us to monitor for certain substances less than once a year because their concentration does not change frequently.							
DISINFECTANT							
CHLORINE, Free Residual as CL ₂ (ppm)	MRDL 4.0*	EPA MRDLG 4.0*	ND - 4.5	0.9	ND - 1.9	0.4	Disinfectant for water supply
DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS							
TRICHALOMETHANES, TOTAL (ppb)	80*	n/a	21 - 86	48	16 - 108	45	By-products of chlorine treatment
HALOACETIC ACIDS (ppb)	60*	n/a	ND - 27	11	ND - 20	9.4	By-products of chlorine treatment
DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS PRECURSOR							
TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON (% Removal Ratio)	TT = Running Annual Average (RAA) ≥ 1*	n/a	All RAA ≥ 1 minimum = 1.0		All RAA ≥ 1 minimum = 0.5		Decay of natural organic matter

*Compliance levels for the four parameters listed above are based on a running annual average determined quarterly.

This means that every three months, we average all the samples taken during the prior twelve month period. Results for minimum and maximum values are based on single samples.

Your drinking water meets all primary drinking water standards.

SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS - Aesthetics Related Standards

PARAMETER/CONSTITUENTS (units of measurement)	STATE MCL	PHG or (MCLG)	VALLEJO SERVICE AREA WATER		LAKES SERVICE AREA WATER		MAJOR SOURCES IN DRINKING WATER
			RANGE	AVG	RANGE	AVG	
CHLORIDE (ppm)	500	none	9 - 36	17	10 - 80	22	Natural minerals
COLOR (color units)	15	none	<2.5	<2.5	<2.5	<2.5	Natural organic matter
ODOR-THRESHOLD (units)	3	none	1.0 - 2.0	1.3	1.0 - 2.0	1.2	Natural organic matter
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (µS/cm)	1,600	none	272 - 481	359	131 - 548	309	Natural minerals
SULFATE (ppm)	500	none	22 - 68	39	14 - 44	21	Natural minerals
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS (ppm)	1,000	none	162 - 301	224	82 - 348	195	Natural minerals

MONITORING FOR SODIUM and HARDNESS

SODIUM (ppm)	none	none	24	24	17	17	Natural minerals
TOTAL HARDNESS (ppm as CaCO ₃)	none	none	84 - 180	139	34 - 182	125	Natural minerals
TOTAL HARDNESS (grains/gallon as CaCO ₃)	none	none	5 - 11	8	2 - 11	7	Natural minerals



MONITORING for CRYPTOSPORIDIUM

Beginning in 2006, federal regulations required us to monitor our raw, untreated water sources (the Putah South Canal and the North Bay Aqueduct) for levels of *Cryptosporidium* contamination for two years. *Cryptosporidium* is a microbial parasite commonly found in surface water throughout the U.S. After analyzing twenty-four monthly samples from each source, we did not find *Cryptosporidium* in the North Bay Aqueduct water and the Putah South Canal had low levels in only two samples. Results from this monitoring program demonstrated that currently, our water treatment processes are sufficient to treat the levels of *Cryptosporidium* possibly encountered in our raw water supplies. The filtration process removes *Cryptosporidium*, although commonly used methods cannot guarantee 100% removal. Please refer to the article "Special Health Concerns" for more information regarding *Cryptosporidium*.

DEFINITION of TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

AL-Action Level:

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MCL-Maximum Contaminant Level:

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.

MCLG-Maximum Contaminant Level Goal:

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. EPA.

MRDL-Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level:

The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap.

MRDLG-Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal:

The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs are set by the U.S. EPA.

n/a: Not applicable

ND: Not detected

NTU-Nephelometric Turbidity Units:

Particles in water that make it appear cloudy

pCi/L: picoCuries per liter: A measure of radioactivity

PHG-Public Health Goal:

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 EPA.

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

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

Primary Drinking Water Standards:

MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards:

MCLs for aesthetic characteristics of water (such as color, taste, and odor) that may affect the consumer's acceptance of their water supply.

TT-Treatment Technique:

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

µS/cm-Microsiemens per Centimeter:

A measure of electrical conductivity

PRIMARY STANDARDS—LEAD and COPPER STUDY—Monitoring of Customers' Tap Water

PARAMETER/CONSTITUENTS (units of measurement)	ACTION LEVEL	PHG	Vallejo Service Area 90th %, Number of Homes > AL Sampled in 2006		Lakes Service Area 90th %, Number of Homes > AL Sampled in 2008		MAJOR SOURCE IN DRINKING WATER
COPPER (ppm at the 90th Percentile)	1.3	0.3	ND	0	ND	0	Internal corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD (ppb at the 90th Percentile)	15	2	ND	0	ND	0	Internal corrosion of household plumbing

Every three years the City is required to sample at the homeowners' faucets for lead and copper. This monitoring ensures our water is not too corrosive and does not leach unsafe levels of these metals into your drinking water. Compliance measurements are from the 90th percentile (the highest level measured from 90% of the homes sampled). The latest monitoring, for both water systems, did not detect lead or copper from 90% of the homes sampled. Lead and Copper monitoring is due again this summer for City of Vallejo customers. We are required to sample from the same homes each time, so City staff will be calling upon the customers that helped us in the past. We greatly appreciate our customers' efforts in helping us prove our water does not leach unsafe levels of lead and copper from home plumbing.

Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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. The 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 at 1-800-426-4791.

Source Water Assessments and Vulnerability Summaries

Source Water Assessments evaluate the quality of the water used as a drinking water supply for local communities and examine the water's vulnerability to possible contamination from activities within the watershed. Source Water Assessments were completed in 2001 for the Putah South Canal and Lakes Frey and Madigan. The North Bay Aqueduct's (Sacramento Delta) assessment was completed in 2002. The adjacent table summarizes the vulnerability of each water source and provides a contact name if you would like copies of the complete assessments.

Vulnerability Assessments Table

Source	Most Vulnerable Activities	Moderately Vulnerable Activities	Contact
Lakes Frey and Madigan	Illegal body contact* Wild animal access* Agricultural drainage*	Other animal operations Wildfires	Erik Nugteren City of Vallejo (707) 648-4482
Putah South Canal	Illegal activities/ Dumping Herbicide applications	Road/Streets Storm drain discharge Recreational area	Alex Rabidou Solano County Water Agency (707) 451-6090
North Bay Aqueduct	Grazing animals* Runoff from grazing land	Runoff from agricultural land	Alex Rabidou Solano County Water Agency (707) 451-6090

*Associated with detected contaminants