

Secondary Contaminants Table

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL
Aluminum	N	All The Values Were BMDL	ppm	0.2 ppm	0.2 ppm
Chloride	N	Values Ranged 5.81 to 9.12 ppm	ppm	250 ppm	250 ppm
Color	N	All The Values Were BMDL to 6 Units	Units	15 Units	15 Units
Copper	N	Values Ranged 0.002 to 0.006 ppm	ppm	1 ppm	1 ppm
Foaming Agents	N	The Single Value Was 0	ppm	0.5 ppm	0.5 ppm
Iron	N	All The Values Were BMDL	ppm	0.3 ppm	0.3 ppm
Manganese	N	Values Ranged BMDL to 0.01 ppm	ppm	0.05 ppm	0.05 ppm
Silver	N	All The Values Were BMDL	ppm	0.1 ppm	0.1 ppm
Zinc	N	Values Ranged 0.0012 to 0.0034 ppm	ppm	5 ppm	5 ppm
Sulfate	N	Values Ranged 1.39 to 3.29 ppm	ppm	250 ppm	250 ppm
Total Dissolved Solids	N	Values Ranged 39 to 141 ppm	ppm	500 ppm	500 ppm

Additional Monitoring

As required by EPA's Long Term 2 Surface Water Treatment Rule, The Utilities Board starts a new sampling cycle every 7 years for Cryptosporidium. We started our sampling period in October 2025, and we pulled a raw sample every month for two years. The sampling period for 2025 had no detects. We also completed our sampling for the EPA's fourth unregulated contaminants rule in 2019 and fifth in 2024. This sampling helps the EPA determine if an MCL will be set for a specific contaminant. The detected values are listed under the unregulated detected contaminants table. During the 2022 year, the EPA released new interim health advisories for per and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Although these are not compliance containment levels our system took action with taking Park Well offline since it was our only source that had any detects at the current minimum detection limits.

Educational Information

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 (Environmental Protection Agency)/CDC (Center of Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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 radioactive material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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 Sylacauga Utilities Board 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>.

The Sylacauga Utilities Board is required to sample for lead in schools and licensed child care facilities as requested by each facility. Those results can be obtained by contacting your local school or child care facility.

Service Line Inventory

The Sylacauga Utilities Board has prepared a system wide service line inventory that is publicly recorded and can be obtained during the business hours listed in this report. There were no lead, galvanized requiring replacement, lead status unknown service lines, known lead connectors or connectors of unknown materials found.

Source Water Assessment

The Sylacauga Utilities Board in association with the Alabama Geological Survey has completed an extensive source water assessment to identify potential contaminants sites that could pose a risk to the water supply. With the aid of the Alabama Department Of Environmental Management and The Geological Survey Of Alabama, a susceptibility analysis has been performed. The study concluded that the water supply has a low susceptibility to contamination. The public may review the report during normal business hours at the Utilities Board Operations Center located at 1414 Edwards Street. Copies are available upon request for a fee. To purchase a copy call 256-249-0372.

Water Treatment Process

Lake Howard surface water is coagulated, flocculated and settled to remove microbial and suspended solids. It is filtered by sand filtration. The PH is adjusted and a corrosion inhibitor is added to prevent plumbing corrosion. Chlorine is added to prevent microbial contamination.

Annual Water Quality Report

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In 1974 the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was signed into law requiring all water systems that serve the public to meet national standards for water quality. These standards set limits for certain contaminants and require all public water systems to monitor for these contaminants. The Utilities Board routinely tests for these constituents in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. These tests have shown that your water meets and exceeds all state and federal requirements. The tables in this report show the monitoring results beginning January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025. If you have any questions concerning water quality please contact Water Quality Supervisor David Green at 256-249-0372. You may also attend the monthly Board meeting held at 2:00 P.M. on the third Monday of each month at the board office located at 301 N. Elm Ave.

Operating under permit by the (ADEM) Alabama Department of Environmental Management, the Utilities Board operated the following facilities during 2025:

- ## Definitions

In the following table you will find many terms and abbreviations that may not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions.

- | Primary List Of Drinking Water Contaminants | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Contaminant | MCL | Amount Detected | Contaminant | MCL | Amount Detected |
| Bacteriological | | | o-Dichlorobenzene | 600 ppb | ND |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | < 5 % | ND | p-Dichlorobenzene | 75 ppb | ND |
| Turbidity | TT | 0.01 to 0.12 NTU | 1,2-Dichloroethane | 5 ppb | ND |
| Fecal coliform and E. coli | 0 | ND | 1,1-Dichloroethylene | 7 ppb | ND |
| Fecal Indicators (enterococci or coliphage) | 0 | ND | cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene | 70 ppb | ND |
| Beta/photn emitters (nrem/yr) | 4 mrem/yr | ND | trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene | 100 ppb | ND |
| Alpha emitters (Pci/l) | 15 Pci/l | 1.8 to 2.1 pCi/l | Dichloromethane | 5 ppb | ND |
| Combined radium (Pci/l) | 5 Pci/l | 0.67 to 0.69 pCi/l | 1,2-Dichloropropane | 5 ppb | ND |
| Uranium | 30 Pci/l | ND | Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate | 400 ppb | ND |
| Inorganic Chemicals | | | Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalates | 6 ppb | ND |
| Antimony | 6 ppb | ND | Dinoseb | 7 ppb | ND |
| Arsenic | 10 ppb | BMDL to 0.55 ppb | Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD] | 30 ppq | ND |
| Asbestos (MFL) | 7 MFL | ND | Diquat | 20 ppb | ND |
| Barium | 2 ppm | 0.01 to 0.011 ppm | Endothall | 100 ppb | ND |
| Beryllium | 4 ppb | ND | Endrin | 2 ppb | ND |
| Bromate | 10 ppb | ND | Epichlorohydrin | TT | ND |
| Cadmium | 5 ppb | ND | Ethylbenzene | 700 ppb | ND |
| Chloramines | 4 ppm | ND | Ethylene dibromide | 50 ppt | ND |
| Chlorine | 4 ppm | 1.6 to 2.4 ppm | Glyphosate | 700 ppb | ND |
| Chlorine dioxide | 800 ppb | ND | HAA5 (haloacetic acids 5) | 80 ppb running average | 21.35 to 41.20 ppb |
| Chlorite | 1 ppm | ND | Heptachlor | 400 ppt | ND |
| Chromium | 100 ppb | BMDL to 1.1 ppb | Heptachlor epoxide | 200 ppt | ND |
| Copper | AL=1.3 ppm | See Lead and Copper Monitoring Table | Hexachlorobenzene | 1 ppb | ND |
| Cyanide | 200 ppb | ND | Hexachlorocyclopentadiene | 50 ppb | ND |
| Fluoride | 4 ppm | BMDL | Lindane | 200 ppt | ND |
| Lead | AL=15 ppb | See Lead and Copper Monitoring Table | Methoxychlor | 40 ppb | ND |
| Mercury | 2 ppb | ND | Oxamyl [Vydate] | 200 ppb | ND |
| Nitrate | 10 ppm | BMDL to 0.921 ppm | Pentachlorophenol | 1 ppb | ND |
| Nitrite | 1 ppm | ND | Picloram | 500 ppb | ND |
| Total Nitrate and Nitrite | 10 ppm | BMDL to 0.921 ppm | Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) | 500 ppt | ND |
| Selenium | 50 ppb | 0.94 to 1.20 ppb | Simazine | 4 ppb | ND |
| Thallium | 2 ppb | ND | Styrene | 100 ppb | ND |
| Organic Chemicals | | | Tetrachloroethylene | 5 ppb | BMDL to 2 ppb |
| Acrylamide | TT | ND | Toluene | 1 ppm | ND |
| Alachlor | 2 ppb | ND | TOC (Total Organic Carbon) | TT | 0.41 to 3.20 ppm |
| Atrazine | 3 ppb | ND | TTHMs [Total trihalomethanes] | 80 ppb running average | 17.70 to 45.10 ppb |
| Benzene | 5 ppb | ND | Toxaphene | 3 ppb | ND |
| Benzo(a)pyrene [PAHs] | 200 ppt | ND | 2,4,5-TP (Silvex) | 50 ppb | ND |
| Carbofuran | 40 ppb | ND | 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene | 70 ppb | ND |
| Carbon tetrachloride | 5 ppb | ND | 1,1,1-Trichloroethane | 200 ppb | ND |
| Chlordane | 2 ppb | ND | 1,1,2-Trichloroethane | 5 ppb | ND |
| Chlorobenzene | 100 ppb | ND | Trichloroethylene | 5 ppb | ND |
| 2,4-D | 70 ppb | ND | Vinyl Chloride | 2 ppb | ND |
| Dalapon | 200 ppb | BMDL to 1.7 ppb | Xylenes | 10 ppm | ND |
| Dibromochloropropane | 200 ppb | ND | | | |

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Detected Contaminates Table							
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Measure- ment	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Possible Source Of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants							
Turbidity *	N	Values ranged from 0.01 To 0.12 NTU 100 % Of All Samples Met Turbidity Requirements	NTU	N/A	TT Less Than 5% Of All Filter Samples May Exceed .3 NTU		Soil runoff
Total Coliform Bacteria (including fecal coliform and E. coli)	N	352 samples were collected with no detects.	Colonies	MCLG = 0 MCL = presence of coliform bacteria in < 5% of monthly samples or if a routine sample and one follow up repeat sample are total coliform positive and one is also fecal coliform or e-coli positive			Human and animal fecal waste
* Turbidity is the measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants.							
Inorganic Contaminants							
Arsenic	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 0.55 ppb	ppb	10 ppb	10 ppb		Discharge from petroleum refiners; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Barium	N	Values ranged from 0.01 to 0.011 ppm	ppm	2 ppm	2 ppm		Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 1.1 ppb	ppb	100 ppb	100 ppb		Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine	N	Values ranged from 1.6 to 2.4 ppm Highest Running Annual Average is 2.1 ppm	ppm	MRDLG 4 ppm	MRDL 4 ppm		Water Additive To Control Microbes
Nitrates	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 0.921 ppm	ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm		Runoff From fertilizer Use; Leaching From Septic Tanks, Sewage; Erosion Of Natural Deposits
Nitrite and total Nitrates	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 0.921 ppm	ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm		Runoff From fertilizer Use; Leaching From Septic Tanks, Sewage; Erosion Of Natural Deposits
Selenium	N	Values ranged from 0.94 to 1.20 ppb	Ppb	50 ppb	50 ppb		Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Synthetic Organic Compounds							
Dalapon	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 1.70 ppb	ppb	200 ppb	200 ppb		Runoff from herbicide used on right of ways
Radiological							
Gross Alpha	N	Values ranged from 1.8 to 2.9 Pci/l	Pci/l	0	15 Pci/l		Erosion of natural deposits
Radium-228	N	Values ranged from 0.67 to 0.69 Pci/l	Pci/l	0	5 Pci/l		Erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
HAA5	N	Values ranged from 9.30 to 48.10 ppb Running averages ranged from 21.35 to 41.20 ppb	ppb	0	60 ppb Running Annual Average		By Product Of Drinking Water Chlorination
Tetrachloro- ethylene	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 2 ppb with The Highest Running Average Of 1.9 ppb	ppb	0	5 ppb Running Annual Average		Leaching From PVC Pipes; Discharge From Factories And Dry Cleaners
Total Organic Carbons	N	Values ranged from 0.41 to 3.20 ppm and Treatment 35% removal was obtained	ppm	N/A	TT		Naturally Present In The Environment
Total Trihalome- thanes TTHMs	N	Values ranged from 9.60 to 54.60 ppb Running averages ranged from 17.70 to 45.10 ppb	ppb	0	80 ppb Running Annual Average		By Product Of Drinking Water Chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants - MCLs and MCLGs have not been established for these Contaminants							
Bromodi- chlorometha- ne	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 2.90 ppb	ppb	N/A	N/A		Byproduct of chlorination
HAA5 groups	N	Values ranged from 0 to 20.31 ppb	ppb	N/A	N/A		Byproduct of chlorination
HAA6 groups	N	Values ranged from 0 to 31.1 ppb	ppb	N/A	N/A		Byproduct of chlorination
HAA9 groups	N	Values ranged from 0 to 32.44 ppb	ppb	N/A	N/A		Byproduct of chlorination
Chloroform	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 0.07 ppm	ppm	N/A	N/A		Byproduct of chlorination
Manganese	N	Values ranged from BMDL to 5 ppb	ppb	N/A	N/A		Naturally-occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical; essential nutrient
Lead and Copper Monitoring Table The most recent sampling for lead and copper was July 2025							
Lead	N	Values ranged from Below Detection Limits To 4.9 ppb The 90th Percentile Was 0.70 ppb	ppb	0	AL = 15 ppb		Corrosion Of Household Plumbing Systems; Erosion Of Natural Deposits
Copper	N	Values ranged from From 0.0043 to 0.324 ppm The 90th Percentile Was 0.186 ppm	ppm	1.3 ppm	AL = 1.3 ppm		Corrosion Of Household Plumbing Systems; Erosion Of Natural Deposits; Leaching From Wood Preservatives

Detected Contaminates Table						
Contaminant	Y/V	Level Detected	Unit Measure	MCLG	MCL	Possible Source Or Contamination
Unregulated Contaminants Continued						
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	N	11 ppt	ppt	0	N/A	Manufactured chemical and associated products
Perfluorohexanoic acid	N	2.1 ppt	ppt	0	N/A	Manufactured chemical and associated products
Perfluorooctanoic acid	N	3.4 ppt	ppt	0	N/A	Manufactured chemical and associated products
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	N	2.3 ppt	ppt	0	N/A	Manufactured chemical and associated products
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	N	2.9 ppt	ppt	0	N/A	Manufactured chemical and associated products

As you can see by the enclosed tables, our system had no MCL violations. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected at levels that are deemed safe by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

Based on a study conducted by ADEM, with the approval of the EPA, a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and dioxin was issued. Thus, monitoring for these contaminants was not required.

The Utilities Board of the City of Sylacauga (“the Board”) owns, maintains and operates a water system consisting of one well, two water supply reservoirs (Lake Howard and Lake Virginia), a conventional surface water treatment plant, water transmission and distribution mains, six (6) water booster pumping stations and nine (9) water storage tanks. The distribution system consist of approximately 258 miles of pipe ranging in size from 2 inch to 24 inch in diameter.

The Board currently supplies an average of 3.47 million gallons of potable water per day to 8,494 residential, commercial and industrial customers in and contiguous to the City of Sylacauga. The maximum peak demand for potable water during 2025 was 5.03 million gallons per day.

The primary source of potable water is the Pine Grove Well. This well was constructed in 2009 and placed in service on January 12, 2010. The Pine Grove Well has a capacity of 2.16 million gallons per day or 1,500 gallons per minute.

The Lake Howard Water Treatment Plant is now operated as a peaking plant and is used when the water demand exceeds the capacity of Pine Grove well.

Lake Howard has a water storage capacity of 1,075 million gallons while Lake Virginia has a storage capacity of 552 million gallons. The “safe” combined yield of Lake Howard and Lake Virginia is approximately 9.944 million gallons per day during extreme 120-days drought conditions.