

Water Source

We serve more than 14,000 customers an average of 2.5 million gallons of water per day.

The state has performed an assessment of our source water and determined the relative susceptibility rating for the Pierre public water supply system is medium. For more information, call 605.773.2528 and ask for Robert Townley.

More Information

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

Detected Contaminants

The attached table lists all the drinking water contaminants detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2023. The state 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 water quality, is more than one year old.

Water Regulation

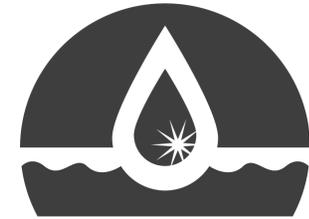
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 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 can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 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 Pierre public water supply system 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>.

2023 Drinking Water Report



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Last year, the City of Pierre monitored your drinking water for possible contaminants. This report is a snapshot of the quality of the drinking water the City provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

2023 Table of Detected Regulated Contaminants For Pierre (EPA ID 0242)

| Substance | 90% Level | Test Sites > Action Level | Date Tested | Highest Level Allowed (AL) | Ideal Goal | Units | Major Source of Contaminant |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------|--|
| Copper | 0.575 | 0 | 11.20.23 | AL=1.3 | 0 | ppm | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. |
| Lead | 1.17 | 0 | 10.19.23 | AL=15 | 0 | ppb | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. |
| Substance | Highest Level Detected | Range | Date Tested | Highest Level Allowed (MCL) | Ideal Goal (MCLG) | Units | Major Source of Contaminant |
| Antimony | 0.51 | ND - 0.51 | 3.24.23 | 6 | 6 | ppb | Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics, electronics; solder. |
| Arsenic | 2 | | 3.24.23 | 10 | 0 | ppb | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes. |
| Atrazine | .230 | ND - 0.230 | 10.16.23 | 3 | 3 | ppb | Runoff from herbicide used on row crops. |
| Barium | 0.375 | | 3.24.23 | 2 | 2 | ppm | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits. |
| Chromium | 2 | | 3.24.23 | 100 | 100 | ppb | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits. |
| Fluoride | 0.55 | | 10.25.23 | 4 | <4 | ppm | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Haloacetic Acids (RAA) | 19.55 | | 11.14.23 | 60 | 0 | ppb | Byproduct of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results. |
| Selenium | 1.1 | | 3.16.23 | 50 | 50 | ppb | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines. |
| Total trihalomethanes (RAA) | 29.78 | | 11.14.23 | 80 | 0 | ppb | Byproduct of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results. |

Terms and abbreviations used in this table:

- * Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- * Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.
- * Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. For Lead and Copper, 90% of the samples must be below the AL.
- * Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. For turbidity, 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU
- * Running Annual Average (RAA): Compliance is calculated using the running annual average of samples from designated monitoring locations.

Units:

- *MFL: million fibers per liter
- *pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- *ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
- *mrem/year: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
- *ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
- *ppq: parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter