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# 2023 Consumer Confidence Report

Includes water testing for 2022

Public Water System ID NC149025

# **High-Quality Water Every Single Day**

Dear Customer,

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and results show that our drinking water meets or exceeds every health standard developed by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the Iredell Water Corporation water system. We pride ourselves on providing our community with a reliable supply of safe and affordable drinking water.

Our corporation's guiding principles are based on providing safe, reliable, and costeffective water service to our customers. All our employees share in our commitment to act with integrity and protect our valuable water resources. As stated above you will find that the water we supply meets or exceeds all federal and state water quality regulations. These results do not happen by chance. Our dedicated water treatment professionals work hard 7 days a week, 365 days a year to ensure that our community is provided with the highest quality drinking water and service, now and in the future.

Iredell Water Corporation's water system serves the communities of Union Grove, Harmony, Olin, Turnersburg, Central, Scotts Creek, Fairview, Cool Springs, and Wayside Area. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about your source(s) of water, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water and to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Danny Sloan at 704-876-0672. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held at 571 Jennings Rd. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Danny Sloan

Danny Sloan General Manager, Iredell Water Corporation

# **Important Information about Your Water**

#### Iredell Water Board of Directors

Ed Bissell, President - Harmony-UG. Current term ends in 2023. Bobby Davidson, Vice President - Fairview District, 2025 Lorne Cook, Secretary/Treasurer - Fairview District, 2024 Wayne Smith - Harmony-UG, 2024 Robert Lackey - Cool Spring District, 2024 Franklin Rash - Cool Spring District, 2023 Scotty Harris - Harmony-UG, 2025 Eric Patterson - Cool Spring District, 2025 One vacancy - Fairview District

The Iredell Water Board of Directors all of whom are members of the corporation, make policy decisions such as adopting the annual budget, rates, and fees; approving resolutions and ordinances regarding our services, plans, and water regulations; and approving line extensions and future projects. Regularly scheduled board meetings are held at 571 Jennings Road on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

# Your Water Supply

The water that is used by this system is ground water and our 36 wells are located throughout our water system. We also have two interconnections for purchase water with the City of Statesville and one with Energy United Water Corporation.

The City of Statesville's annual report can be viewed at:

www.statesvillenc.net/departments/public\_utilities/water\_resources/public\_notices\_informa tion. The Energy United Water Corporation annual report can be viewed at: www.energyunitedwater.com/pdf/waterQualityReport.pdf

### Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Results

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Public Water Supply (PWS) Section, Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) conducted assessments for all drinking water sources across North Carolina. The purpose of the assessments was to determine the susceptibility of each drinking water source (well or surface water intake) to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs). The results of the assessment are available in SWAP Assessment Reports that include maps, background information and a relative susceptibility rating of Higher, Moderate or Lower.

# Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Results (continued)

The relative susceptibility rating of each source for Iredell Water Corporation was determined by combining the contaminant rating (number and location of PCSs within the assessment area) and the inherent vulnerability rating (i.e., characteristics or existing conditions of the well or watershed and its delineated assessment area). The assessment findings are summarized in the table below:

Source Name	Susceptibility Rating	SWAP Report Date
Wells: 05,11,25,27,29,30,35,36,38,39	Lower	September 2020
Wells:	Moderate	September 2020
01,04,06,12,13,14,15,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,26,28,,31,32,33,37		
Wells #2,10,34	Higher	September 2020

#### Susceptibility of Sources to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs)

The complete SWAP Assessment report for Iredell Water Corporation may be viewed on the Web at: https://www.ncwater.org/?page=600 Note that because SWAP results and reports are periodically updated by the PWS Section, the results available on this web site may differ from the results that were available at the time this CCR was prepared. If you are unable to access your SWAP report on the web, you may mail a written request for a printed copy to: Source Water Assessment Program – Report Request, 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1634, or email requests to swap@ncdenr.gov. Please indicate your system name, number, and provide your name, mailing address and phone number. If you have any questions about the SWAP report, please contact the Source Water Assessment staff by phone at 919-707-9098.

It is important to understand that a susceptibility rating of "higher" does not imply poor water quality, only the system's potential to become contaminated by PCSs in the assessment area.

### What the EPA Wants You to Know

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 (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

# What the EPA Wants You to Know (continued)

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).

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. [Name of Utility] 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 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 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 by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, 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 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.

### Help Us Protect Your Source Water

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. We have implemented the following source water protection actions: Iredell Water Local Wellhead Protection Plan. This Wellhead Protection Plan was last update and approved by NCDEQ in 2021. You can help protect your

# Help Us Protect Your Source Water (continued)

community's drinking water source(s) in several ways: (examples: dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center, volunteer in your community to participate in group efforts to protect your source, etc.). To learn more about our Wellhead Protection Plan you may visit http://iredellwater.com/documents/431/IWCWHPBrochure2016.pdf.

# 2022 Water Quality Tables of Detected Contaminants

We routinely monitor for over 150 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected in the last round of sampling for each particular contaminant group. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done from January 1 through December 31, 2022. The EPA and the State allow 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, is more than one year old.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulations are warranted.

#### Definitions

Not-Applicable (N/A) – Information not applicable/not required for that particular water system or for that particular rule.

Non-Detects (N/D) - Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at the level of detection set for the particular methodology used.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

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

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 using the best available treatment technology.

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 allow for a margin of safety.

#### 2022 Water Quality Tables of Detected Contaminants

We are pleased to announce that Iredell Water Corporation received no monitoring violations. All water samples met or exceed the standards set forth by the US EPA and NC DEQ.

#### Revised Total Coliform Rule: Microbiological Contaminants in the Distribution System (For systems that collect <u>less than 40</u> samples per month)

Contaminant (units)	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (presence or absence)	N	0	0	TT*	Naturally present in the environment
 <i>E. coli</i> (presence or absence)	N	0	0	Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is <i>E. coli</i> -positive or system fails to take repeat samples following <i>E. coli</i> -positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for <i>E. coli</i> <u>Note</u> : If either an original routine sample and/or its repeat samples(s) are <i>E. coli</i> positive, a Tier 1 violation exists.	Human and animal fecal waste

\*If a system collecting fewer than 40 samples per month has two or more positive samples in one month, an assessment is required.

#### **Inorganic Contaminants**

Contaminant (units)	Sample Dates	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Ra Low	nge High	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride (ppm)	1/18/17- 12/14/21	No	0.165	N/D	1.09	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

#### Nitrate/Nitrite Contaminants

Contominant (unita)	MCL Violation Your		Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Contaminant (units)	Y/N	Water	Low	High	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				6.00			Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	No 0.73		N/D	6.88	10	10	septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

## 2021 Water Quality Tables of Detected Contaminants (continued)

Contaminant (units)	Sample	Your	Ra:	nge	Secondary
	Date	Water	Low	High	MCL
Sulfate (ppm)	1/18/17- 12/14/21	5.59	N/D	48.4	250

#### **Unregulated Inorganic Contaminants**

#### Lead and Copper Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	# of sites found above the AL	MCLG	AL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm) 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	6/29/21- 7/23/21	0.20	0	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
ead (ppb) 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	6/29/21- 7/23/21	0	0	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

#### **Radioactive Contaminants**

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Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	04/19/22	Ν	0.425	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta/photon emitters (pCi/L)	12/14/22	Ν	0	0	50 *	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	12/14/22	Ν	.837	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	12/14/22	N	.0	0	20.1	Erosion of natural deposits

\*Note: The MCL for beta/photon emitters is 4 mrem/year. EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

#### **Disinfectant Residuals Summary**

	Year Sampled	MRDL Violation Y/N	Your Water (highest RAA)	Range Low High		MRDLG	MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	2022	N	0.94	0.48	1.72	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

# 2022 Water Quality Tables of Detected Contaminants (continued)

#### Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Compliance: Based upon Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA)

Disinfection Byproduct	Year Sampled	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water (highest LRAA)	Ra Low	inge High	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM (ppb)						N/A	80	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
B01	2022	N	39	26.0	64.0			
B02	2022	N	1.5	0	4.0			
B03	2022	N	0	0	0.0			
B04	2022	N	5	0	0.0			
HAA5 (ppb)	2022					N/A	60	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
B01	2022	N	29.75	23.0	33.0			
B02	2022	N	0.5	0	1.0			
B03	2022	N	0.25	0	1.0			
B04	2022	N	11.25	0	29.0			