

# MOUNTAIN MAN WATER SERVICE 2024 Drinking Water Quality Report

## Covering Data For Calendar Year 2023

Public Water System ID: CO0134516

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### **General Information**

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regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

### **Lead in Drinking Water**

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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact JUSTIN TALBOT at 970-884-0870. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

### **Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)**

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Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Quality Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.

## Our Water Sources

<u>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</u>	<u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u>
PURCHASED S UTE INDIAN TRIBE CO0134770 (Surface Water-Non-Piped, Purchased) PURCHASED DURANGO WATER CO0134150 (Surface Water-Non-Piped, Purchased) PURCHASED BAYFIELD WATER CO0134030 (Surface Water-Non-Piped, Purchased) PURCHASED LA PLATA ARCHULETA WATER DISTRICT CO0134191 (Surface Water-Non-Piped, Purchased)	There is no SWAP report, please contact JUSTIN TALBOT at 970-884-0870 with questions regarding potential sources of contamination.

## Terms and Abbreviations

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- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
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- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.
- **Level 1 Assessment** – A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

- **Level 2 Assessment** – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

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**Note:** Only detected contaminants sampled within the last 5 years appear in this report. If no tables appear in this section, then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

<b>Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System</b> <b>TT Requirement:</b> At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm <i><b>OR</b></i> If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm <b>Typical Sources:</b> Water additive used to control microbes						
Disinfectant Name	Time Period	Results	Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	TT Violation	MRDL
Chlorine	December, 2023	<u>Lowest period</u> percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	0	3	No	4.0 ppm

**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

**No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions**

# Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Treatment Plant

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

### for Calendar Year 2023

*Public Water System ID:* 080890001

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If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems (especially for pregnant women and young children). It is possible that lead levels at your

home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home’s plumbing. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. 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. Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Our Water Source

<u>Source</u>	<u>Source Type</u>
<b>Los Pinos River</b>	<b>Surface Water</b>

The source of the water treated at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Treatment Plant is the Los Pinos River, also called the Pine River.

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Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System						
Contaminant Name	Year	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MRDL	MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2023	0.50 – 1.06	ppm	4.0	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	6/17/2021	0.127	10	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion
Lead	6/17/2021	1.4	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low -- High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Highest Compliance Value	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	33.9	33.9-33.9	ppb	60	N/A	33.9	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	47.4	47.4-47.4	ppb	80	N/A	47.4	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2020	.076	.068-.076	ppm	1	.8	.076	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Disinfectants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System							
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	TT/MRDL Requirement	TT/MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2023	1.26	0.84 – 1.71	ppm	TT = No more than 72 hours with a residual below .2 mg/L	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System					
Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Continuous	Highest single measurement: 0.154 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Continuous	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100%	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2019	3.5	3.5 -3.5	3785 ml	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium	2019	.2235	.2235 - .2235	3785 ml	Ug/l	30	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits



Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	2023	0.182	0.182-0.182	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium	2023	.0296	.0296-.0296	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	2023	.054	.054-.054	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated or Secondary Contaminants**						
**Secondary standards are <u>non-enforceable</u> guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.						
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2023	1.78	1.78-1.78	1	ppm	N/A
Nickel	2023	.0018	.0018-.0018	1	ppm	N/A

**No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions**

# CITY OF DURANGO

## 2024 Drinking Water

### Consumer Confidence Report for Calendar Year 2023

#### Public Water System ID CO 0134150

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#### Our Water Source(s)

Source	Water Type
Florida River	Surface Water
Animas River	Surface Water
City Reservoir No. 1	Surface Water
Terminal Reservoir	Surface Water

Potential sources of contamination in our source water area come from: EPA Superfund Sites, EPA Hazardous Waste Generators, EPA Chemical Inventory/Storage Sites, Permitted Wastewater Discharge Sites, Aboveground, Underground and Leaking Storage Tank Sites, Solid Waste Sites, Existing/Abandoned Mine Sites, Other Facilities, Commercial/Industrial/Transportation, High Intensity Residential, Low Intensity Residential, Urban Recreational Grasses, Row Crops, Pasture / Hay, Deciduous Forest, Evergreen Forest, Mixed Forest, Septic Systems, Oil / Gas Wells, Road Miles.

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## Terms and Abbreviations

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- ◆ **Alkalinity** – The capacity of water’s ability to neutralize acid based on its dissolved mineral content.
- ◆ **BDL (Below detectable limit or level)** – Due to limitations of chemical analysis procedures, some small concentrations cannot be precisely measured. These concentrations are said to be below the detectable limit.
- ◆ **EPTD (Entry Point to Distribution)** – This is the point where the water leaves the Water Treatment Plant and enters the Distribution System. It is the site for many of our yearly required samples.
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- ◆ **Hardness** – A measurement of dissolved minerals (primarily calcium and magnesium) in water.
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- ◆ **Microscopic Particulate Analysis (MPA)** – An analysis of surface water organisms and indicators in water. This analysis can be used to determine performance of a surface water treatment plant or to determine the existence of surface water influence on a ground water well.
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“*Cryptosporidium* is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the United States. Although filtration removes *cryptosporidium*, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of *cryptosporidium* may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks.

However, immuno-compromised people are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. *Cryptosporidium* must be

ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.”

Microorganism Contaminants Sampled in the <u>Source Water</u>				
<u>Source Water</u> Microorganism	Collection Date	Number of Positives	Sample Size	Typical Source
CRYPTOSPORIDIUM	2016 - 2018	0	24	Infected human and animal feces
E. COLI	2016 - 2018	11	24	Infected human and animal feces

Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System							
Inorganics	Collection Date	Result	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	5/25/23	0.062	0.062	mg/L	2.0	2.0	Discharge of drilling wastes, discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits.
CHROMIUM	5/25/23	0.002	0.002	mg/L	0.1	0.1	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from steel / pulp mills
SELENIUM	5/25/23	0.001	0.001	mg/L	0.050	0.050	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
FLUORIDE	2023	0.703 average	0.583 – 0.807	mg/L	4.0	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth, discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
NITRATE	6/01/23	0.034	0.034	mg/L	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Disinfectant Residual Sampled in the Distribution System							
Disinfectant	Year	Average	Range	Units	MRDL	MRDLG	Source
CHLORINE	2023	0.749	0.23 – 1.46	mg/L	4.0	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System							
Disinfection Byproducts	Year	Average	Range	Highest RAA	Unit	MCL	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2023	21.13	12.00 – 30.80	21.13	µg/L	60.0	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination

TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHMs)	2023	40.03	23.60 – 57.00	40.03	µg/L	80.0	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
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Removal Ratio of Disinfection Byproduct Precursors						
Disinfection Byproducts Precursors	Year	Average	Range	TT Minimum	TT Violation	Typical Sources
TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON Removal Ratio	2023	2.11	1.0 – 4.0	1.00	No	Naturally present in the environment

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System					
Contaminant	Year	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Unit	AL	Typical Source
COPPER	2021	0.13	mg/L	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2021	0.0017	mg/L	0.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System							
Radionuclides	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
RADIUM, COMBINED (226, 228)	5/26/2020	2.1	2.1	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA	5/26/2020	0.9	0.9	pCi/L	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System				
Turbidity	Sample Date	Result	TT Requirement	Typical Source
TURBIDITY	4/04/2023	Highest single measurement: 0.138 NTU	Maximum 1.0 NTU for any single measurement	Soil runoff
TURBIDITY	Continuous Monitoring	100% of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	Soil runoff

Microorganism Contaminants Sampled in the Distribution System					
Microbiological	Result	MCL	Violation	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL COLIFORM	40 samples per month, one sample in May returned as positive	MCL: Systems that collect 40 samples per month – No more than 2 positive results per month	No	0	Naturally present in the environment

E. COLI	0 Positive	MCL: A routine sample and a repeat sample are Total Coliform Positive, and one of these is also Fecal Coliform/E.coli Positive	No	0	Human and animal fecal waste
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Secondary Contaminants					
<i>Secondary standards are <u>non-enforceable</u> guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends these standards but does not require water systems to comply.</i>					
Secondary Contaminants/ Other Monitoring	Collection Date	Result	Range	Unit	Secondary Standard
ALKALINITY	2023	93.5 RAA	59.6 – 138.8	mg/L	NO MCL
TOTAL HARDNESS (includes calcium and magnesium)	2023	115.8 RAA	73.6 – 177.2	mg/L	NO MCL
TOTAL HARDNESS (includes calcium and magnesium)	2023	6.76 RAA	4.30 – 10.35	grains/gal	NO MCL
SODIUM	5/25/2023	5.40	5.40	mg/L	NO MCL

Unregulated Contaminants***						
<i>EPA has implemented the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) to collect data for contaminants that are suspected to be present in drinking water and do not have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA uses the results of UCMR monitoring to learn about the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and to decide whether or not these contaminants will be regulated in the future. We performed monitoring and reported the analytical results of the monitoring to EPA in accordance with its Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). Once EPA reviews the submitted results, the results are made available in the EPA's National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD) (<a href="http://epa.gov/dwucmr/national-contaminant-occurrence-database-ncod">epa.gov/dwucmr/national-contaminant-occurrence-database-ncod</a>) Consumers can review UCMR results by accessing the NCOD. Contaminants that were detected during our UCMR sampling and the corresponding analytical results are provided below. ***More information about the contaminants that were included in UCMR monitoring can be found at: <a href="http://drinktapp.org/Water-Info/Whats-in-My-Water/Unregulated-Contaminant-Monitoring-Rule-UCMR">drinktapp.org/Water-Info/Whats-in-My-Water/Unregulated-Contaminant-Monitoring-Rule-UCMR</a>. Learn more about the EPA UCMR at: <a href="http://epa.gov/dwucmr/learn-about-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule">epa.gov/dwucmr/learn-about-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule</a> or contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or <a href="http://epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water">epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water</a>.</i>						
UCMR5 Contaminants	Year	Average	Range	Unit	MRL	Typical Source
LITHIUM	2023	3.00	0.0 – 12.0	µg/L	9.0	Lithium is a naturally occurring metal, has numerous commercial uses including as a main component of batteries, and is likely found in a variety of foods. Lithium is also used as a pharmaceutical to treat certain medical conditions.

### Lead in Drinking Water

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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact City of Durango Water Treatment Staff at 970-375-4887. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

### Protecting Our Drinking Water

In an effort to ensure public health, the City of Durango works to protect its water system from the backflow of water from consumers' premises. Backflow from a property may contain potentially hazardous chemicals. For more information contact the Cross Connection Control Program at 970-375-4882.

### A Note about Fluoride

The City of Durango participates in the State of Colorado Water Fluoridation Program. The Water Treatment Plant adjusts the level of fluoride to achieve 0.7mg/L in the water delivered to the public as the optimum amount for oral health.

### **Bacteriological Quality**

The City of Durango maintains a minimum of 0.2mg/L of free chlorine residual throughout the entire distribution system. We perform weekly sampling of our water mains to ensure public health and quality of the water.

#### **2023 Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

##### **Non-Health-Based Violations**

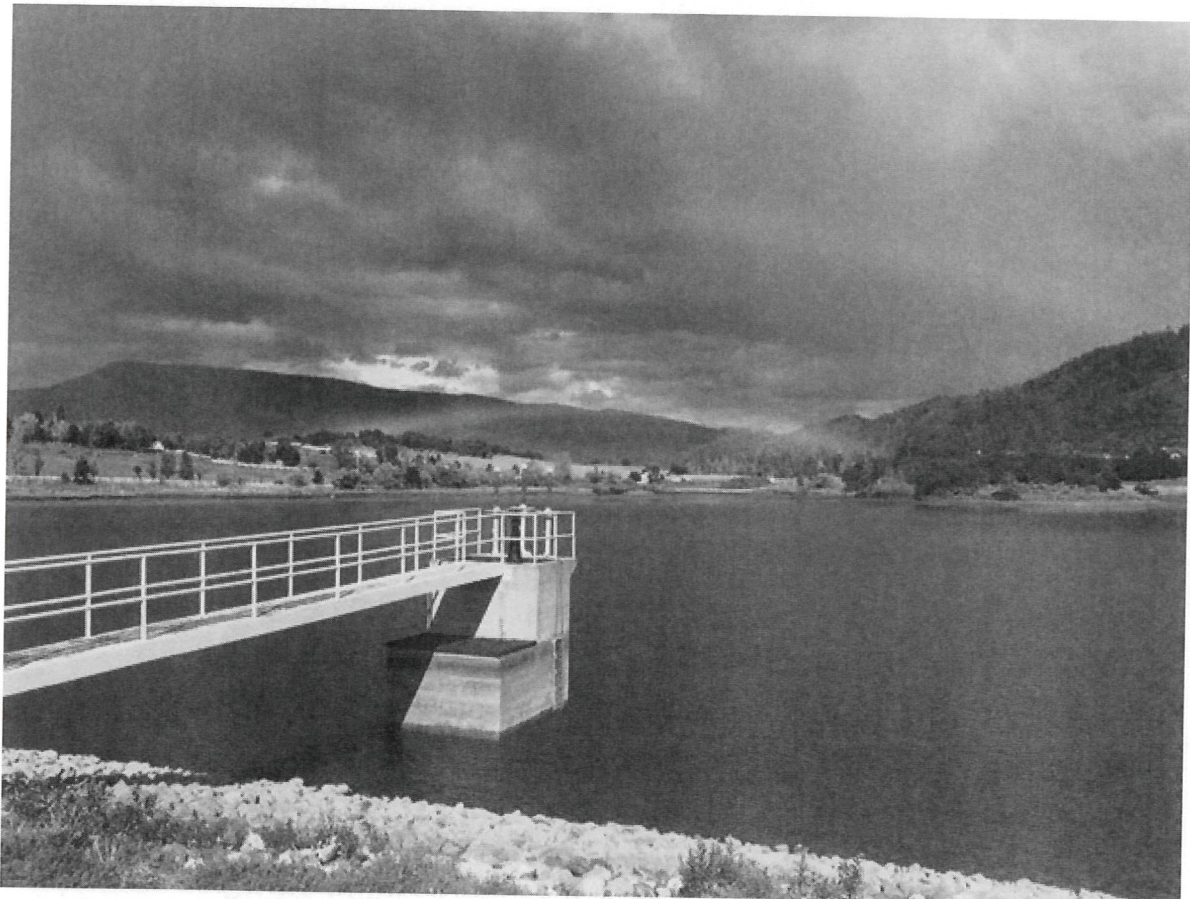
Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is not a public health risk, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. There is nothing you need to do at this time. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours. We missed collecting a sample (water quality is unknown), we reported the sample result after the due date, or we did not complete a report/notice by the required date.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Time Period</b>
TURBIDITY	FAILURE TO MONITOR AND/OR REPORT	05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023
CHLORINE/CHLORAMINE	FAILURE TO MONITOR AND/OR REPORT	05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023

##### **Additional Violation Information**

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

A power outage on 5/3/2023 caused a server data collection failure resulting in a 6-hour period where chlorine and turbidity data was not collected. The cause of the data collection failure was identified and resolved the next day 5/4/2023. Additionally, portable back-up power generation was acquired, and standard operating procedures were developed to prevent this from occurring again. For more information, please contact **Jason Fast** at [jason.fast@durangoco.gov](mailto:jason.fast@durangoco.gov) or 970-375-4887, or 949 E. 2nd Ave. Durango, CO 81301.



**Beautiful Double Rainbow over Terminal Reservoir**

## BAYFIELD TOWN OF 2024 Drinking Water Quality Report Covering Data For Calendar Year 2023

*Public Water System ID: CO0134030*

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We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Please contact RON SABA at 970-769-1943 with any questions or for public participation opportunities that may affect water quality.

### General Information

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 (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting [epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water).

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 of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA 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, 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:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants:** 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:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.



**Lead in Drinking Water**

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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Jeremy Schulz at 970-769-3499. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

**Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may have provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit [wgcdcompliance.com/cr](http://wgcdcompliance.com/cr). The report is located under "Guidance: Source Water Assessment Reports". Search the table using system name or ID, or by contacting Jeremy Schulz at 970-769-3499. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that *could* occur. It *does not* mean that the contamination *has or will* occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan. Potential sources of contamination in our source water area are listed on the next page.

Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Quality Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.

**Our Water Sources**

<b><u>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</u></b>	<b><u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u></b>
LOS PINOS RIVER INF GALLERY (Surface Water-Intake) BAYFIELD RESERVOIR (Surface Water-Intake)	EPA Chemical Inventory/Storage Sites, Permitted Wastewater Discharge Sites, Aboveground, Underground and Leaking Storage Tank Sites, Existing/Abandoned Mine Sites, Other Facilities, Commercial/Industrial/Transportation, Low Intensity Residential, Row Crops, Pasture / Hay, Deciduous Forest, Evergreen Forest, Mixed Forest, Septic Systems, Oil / Gas Wells, Road Miles

**Terms and Abbreviations**

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- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Health-Based** – A violation of either a MCL or TT.
- **Non-Health-Based** – A violation that is not a MCL or TT.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.

- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **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.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.
- **Level 1 Assessment** – A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment** – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

### Detected Contaminants

BAYFIELD TOWN OF routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado 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, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one-year-old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

**Note:** Only detected contaminants sampled within the last 5 years appear in this report. If no tables appear in this section, then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

<b>Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System</b>						
<b>TT Requirement:</b> At least 95% of samples per period (month or quarter) must be at least 0.2 ppm <u>OR</u> If sample size is less than 40 no more than 1 sample is below 0.2 ppm <b>Typical Sources:</b> Water additive used to control microbes						
Disinfectant Name	Time Period	Results	Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	TT Violation	MRDL
Chlorine	January thru December, 2023 3 samples per month	Lowest period percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	0	3	No	4.0 ppm

<b>Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System</b>								
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	06/07/2023 to 06/15/2023	0.27	10	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	06/07/2023 to 06/15/2023	1.1	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System										
Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources	
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	33.27	9.1 to 51.5	4	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	31.48	12.8 to 47	4	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	
Chlorite	2023	0.22	0.1 to 0.47	12	ppb	1.0	.8	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	

Total Organic Carbon (Disinfection Byproducts Precursor) Removal Ratio of Raw and Finished Water								
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	TT Minimum Ratio	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Total Organic Carbon Ratio	2023	1.01	1 to 1.1	8	Ratio	1.00	No	Naturally present in the environment
*If minimum ratio not met and no violation identified then the system achieved compliance using alternative criteria.								

Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System					
Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Date/Month: May	Highest single measurement: 0.071 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Month: Dec	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100 %	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2020	1.1	1.1 to 1.1	2	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2020	0.66	0.66 to 0.66	2	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	2023	0.05	0.05 to 0.05	1	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2023	0.16	0.16 to 0.16	1	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2023	0.05	0.05 to 0.05	1	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

**Secondary Contaminants\*\***

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Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2023	3.43	3.43 to 3.43	1	ppm	N/A



**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions



## LA PLATA ARCHULETA WATER DISTRICT 2024 Drinking Water Quality Report Covering Data For Calendar Year 2023

*Public Water System ID: CO0134191*

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**Our Water Sources**

<b><u>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</u></b>	<b><u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u></b>
PURCHASED BAYFIELD CO0134030 (Surface Water-Consecutive Connection)	There is no SWAP report, please contact EDWARD TOLEN at 970-563-0320 with questions regarding potential sources of contamination.

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- **Non-Health-Based** – A violation that is not a MCL or TT.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.



- **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.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.
- **Level 1 Assessment** – A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- **Level 2 Assessment** – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

### **Detected Contaminants**

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Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System					
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Typical Sources: Water additive used to control microbes					
Disinfectant Name	Time Period	Results	Number of Samples Below Level	Sample Size	MRDL
Chlorine	December, 2023	Lowest period percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	0	1	4.0 ppm

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	08/10/2023 to 08/10/2023	0.53	10	ppm	1.3	1	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	08/10/2023 to 08/10/2023	5.5	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids	2023	23.17	2 to 55.7	3	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water



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**Our Water Sources**

<u>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</u>	<u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u>
LOS PINOS RIVER INF GALLERY (Surface Water-Intake) BAYFIELD RESERVOIR (Surface Water-Intake)	EPA Chemical Inventory/Storage Sites, Permitted Wastewater Discharge Sites, Aboveground, Underground and Leaking Storage Tank Sites, Existing/Abandoned Mine Sites, Other Facilities, Commercial/Industrial/Transportation, Low Intensity Residential, Row Crops, Pasture / Hay, Deciduous Forest, Evergreen Forest, Mixed Forest, Septic Systems, Oil / Gas Wells, Road Miles

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			TT
			MRDL

Name	Time Period	Sample Size	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Violation
Chlorine	January thru December, 2023 3 samples per month	Lowest period percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	0				3	No
								4.0 ppm

**Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System**

Contaminant Name	Time Period	Sample Size	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	06/07/2023 to 06/15/2023	10	0.27	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	06/07/2023 to 06/15/2023	10	1.1	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

**Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System**

Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	33.27	9.1 to 51.5	4	ppb	60	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	31.48	12.8 to 47	4	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2023	0.22	0.1 to 0.47	12	ppb	1.0	.8	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Total Organic Carbon (Disinfection Byproducts Precursor) Removal Ratio of Raw and Finished Water								
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	TT Minimum Ratio	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Total Organic Carbon Ratio	2023	1.01	1 to 1.1	8	Ratio	1.00	No	Naturally present in the environment
*If minimum ratio not met and no violation identified then the system achieved compliance using alternative criteria.								

Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System					
Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Date/Month: May	Highest single measurement: 0.071 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Month: Dec	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100 %	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low - High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2020	1.1	1.1 to 1.1	2	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2020	0.66	0.66 to 0.66	2	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits

**Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System**

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	2023	0.05	0.05 to 0.05	1	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2023	0.16	0.16 to 0.16	1	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2023	0.05	0.05 to 0.05	1	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

**Secondary Contaminants\*\***

\*\*Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2023	3.43	3.43 to 3.43	1	ppm	N/A

**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions