



# City of Terrell 2000 Report to Consumers on Water Quality

The City of Terrell is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains much important information about water and health. City of Terrell will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about our water.

**The bottom line: Is the water safe to drink? Absolutely.**

Call us for information about the next opportunity for public participation in decisions about our drinking water.

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## Overview

### YOUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE

Providing safe and reliable drinking water is the highest priority for the City of Terrell water department. Our employees take pride in providing and delivering water to your home or business.

The information in this report is based on tests conducted through 2000.

It is important to us that you have information about your Drinking Water so you can have confidence in the product we deliver.

### Water Source

The City of Terrell is supplied by surface water from the New City Lake at Elmo. During drought conditions water is pumped from Lake Tawakoni into the New City Lake at Elmo.

### What Do The Tables Mean?

The tables show the results of our water-quality analyses. Every regulated contaminant that we detected in the water, even in the most minute traces, is listed here. The table contains the name of each substance, the highest level allowed by regulation (MCL), the ideal goals for public health, the amount detected, the usual sources of such contamination, footnotes explaining our findings, and a key to units of measurement. Definitions of MCL and MCLG are important.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or 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 or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to Health.

## Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant	Date Tested	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Detected Level	Range	Possible Sources	Violation
Antimony	2/22/00	ppb	6	6	4.00	4.00	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder	NO
Arsenic	2/22/00	ppb	50	0	<2.00	<2.00	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes	NO
Cadmium	2/22/00	ppb	5	5	1.20	1.20	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Runoff from waste batteries and paints	NO
Barium	2/22/00	ppb	2	2	0.033	0.033	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	NO
Beryllium	2/22/00	ppb	4	4	1.0	1.0	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; Discharge from electrical aerospace and defense industries	NO
Chromium	2/22/00	ppb	100	100	10	10	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits	NO
Selenium	2/22/00	ppb	50	50	2.5	2.5	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines	NO
Nitrate	2/22/00	ppb	10	10	0.38	0.38	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage	NO
Thallium	2/22/00	ppb	2	0.5	1.0	1.0	Leaching from ore-processing sites; Discharge from electronics glass and drug factories	NO

## Regulated at the Customer's Tap

Contaminant	90th Percentile Values	# of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Maximum Contaminant Level	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Possible Source of Substance
Lead (ppb)	5.1	0	Action Level=15	15	Corrosion of customer plumbing service connection
Copper (ppm)	0.1250	0	Action Level =1.3	1.3	

## Regulated in the Distribution System

Contaminant	Range of Detections	Terrell Water	Maximum Contaminant Level	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Possible Source of Contaminant
Total Coliforms	0	0	Presence in 5% of monthly samples	0	Human & Animal Fecal waste

Total THMs	49.7-108.3 ppb	76.1	100	0	Chlorine by-products
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## Regulated at the Treatment Plant

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Constituent	Year	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest monthly % of samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
Turbidity	2000	0.44	100	0.5	NTU	Soil runoff

## Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant	Date Tested	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Detected Level	Range	Possible Source	Violation
Alpha emitters	1/06/99	pci/L	15	0	2.0	2.0	Erosion of natural deposits	NO
Beta/photon emitters	1/06/99	pci/L	50	0	4.0	4.0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits	NO

## Synthetic Organic Contaminants Including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant	Date Tested	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Detected Level	Range	Possible Source	Violation
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	10/24/00	ppb	6.0	0	2.0	2.0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories	NO
2,4-D	8/28/96	ppb	70	70	5.0	5.0	Run off from herbicide used on row crops	NO
2,4-TP (Silvex)	8/28/96	ppb	50	50	0	0	Residue of banned herbicide	NO
Alachlor	10/24/00	ppb	2.0	0	0.20	0.20	Run off from herbicide used on row crops	NO
Atrazine	10/24/00	ppb	3.0	3.0	0.20	0.20	Run off from herbicide used on row crops	NO
Benzo(a)pyrene [PAH]	10/24/00	Ppt	200	0	0.20	0.20	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines	NO
Carbofuran	2/20/96	ppb	40	40	5.00	5.00	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa	NO
							Residue of banned	

Chlordane	10/24/00	ppb	2.0	0	0.20	0.20	termiticide	NO
Dalapon	10/24/99	ppb	200	200	1.00	1.00	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way	NO
Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	10/24/98	ppb	400	400	2.00	2.00	Discharge from chemical factories	NO
Dinoseb	8/28/96	ppb	7.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	Run off from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables	NO
Endrin	10/24/00	ppb	2.0	2.0	0.20	0.20	Residue of banned insecticide	NO
Heptachlor	10/24/00	ppt	400	0	0.20	0.20	Residue of banned termiticide	NO
Heptachlor epoxide	10/24/00	Ppt	200	0	0.20	0.20	Breakdown of heptachlor	NO
Hexachlorobenzene	10/24/00	ppb	1.0	0	0.20	0.20	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories	NO
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	10/24/00	ppb	50	50	1.0	1.0	Discharge from chemical factories	NO
Methoxychlor	10/24/00	ppb	40	40	0.20	0.20	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, livestock	NO
Oxamyl [Vydate]	2/20/96	ppb	200	200	5.0	5.0	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on potatoes and tomatoes	NO
Picloram	8/28/96	ppb	500	500	3.0	3.0	Herbicide runoff	NO
Pentachlorophenol	10/24/00	ppb	1.0	0	<1.0	1.0	Discharge from wood preserving factories	NO
Simazine	1/06/00	ppb	4.0	4.0	<0.20	0.20	Herbicide runoff	NO
Toxaphene	7/25/95	ppb	3.0	0	3.0	3.0	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle	NO

## Volatile Organic Contaminants

Contaminant	Date Tested	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Detected Level	Range	Possible Source	Violation
Benzene	7/18/00	ppb	5.0	0	0.50	0.50	Discharge from factories; Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills	NO
Carbon Tetrachloride	7/18/00	ppb	5.0	0	0.50	0.50	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities	NO
Chlorobenzene	7/18/00	ppb	100	100	0.50	0.50	Discharge from chemical and	NO

							agricultural chemical factories	
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7/18/00	ppb	7.0	7.0	0.50	0.50	Discharge from industrial chemical factories	NO
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	7/18/00	ppb	70	70	0.50	0.50	Discharge from industrial chemical factories	NO
1,2-Dichloropropane	7/18/00	ppb	5.0	0	0.50	0.50	Discharge from industrial chemical factories	NO
Ethylbenzene	7/18/00	ppb	700	700	0.50	0.50	Discharge from petroleum refineries	NO
Styrene	7/18/00	ppb	100	100	0.50	0.50	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; Leaching from landfills	NO
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	7/18/00	ppb	70	70	0.50	0.50	Discharge from textile-finishing factories	NO
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	7/18/00	ppb	5.0	3.0	0.50	0.50	Discharge from industrial chemical factories	NO
Toluene	7/18/00	ppm	1.0	1.0	0.50	0.50	Discharge from petroleum factories	NO
Vinyl Chloride	7/18/00	ppb	2.0	0	0.50	0.50	Leaching from PVC piping; Discharge from plastics factories	NO
Xylenes	7/18/00	ppb	10	10	1.00	1.00	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories	NO
1,2-Dichloroethane	7/18/00	ppb	5.0	0	0.50	0.50	Discharge from industrial chemical factories	NO

## Key To Table

AL = Action Level

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

MFL = million fibers per liter

NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units

mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

pci/l = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

ppt = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ )

ppq = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

TT = Treatment Technique

## Unregulated Contaminants

City of Terrell did not test for Cryptosporidium or for Radon.

## Required Additional Health Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of Contaminant 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).

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 can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- (E) 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 that must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is 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 are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

## **National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance**

For more information, call the City of Terrell Water Treatment Plant at 972-551-6635

El informe contiene informacion importante sobre la calidad del agua en su comunidad. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

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