

# 2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The source of drinking water used by ANGELINA COUNTY FWSD 1 is Purchased Ground Water from the City of Lufkin

## Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

**PWS ID Number: TX0030102**

**PWS Name: ANGELINA COUNTY FWSD 1**

- Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012
- This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.
- 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

For more information regarding this report, contact:

Lori Hamilton, (936) 632-7795

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono (800) 282-5634.

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.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium 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. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we 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>.

## **Information on Sources of Water:**

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 storm water 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 storm water 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems;
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Information about Source Water Assessments

The TCEQ has completed a Source Water Assessment for all drinking water systems that own their sources. The report describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The system from which we purchase our water received the assessment report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, contact Lori Hamilton, (936) 632-7795.

## Public Participation Opportunities

To learn more about future public meetings concerning your drinking water, please call or contact:

### **Angelina & Neches River Authority (ANRA)**

**Contact: Lori Hamilton**

**210 E. Lufkin Avenue**

**Lufkin, Texas 75901**

**Phone: 936-632-7795**

### **Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:**

**Date:** To Be Determined \*

**Time:** To Be Determined \*

**Place:** ACF Office

114 Mt. Pleasant Road

Lufkin, Texas 75904

ANRA and ACF also welcome public comments in writing mailed to:

**Angelina County FWSD #1 (ACF)**

**P.O. Box 821**

**Lufkin Texas 75902**

**\* The Next Board Meeting Has Not Been Scheduled as of the Date of This Report.**

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. Please find the definitions below to aid you in understanding the results provided.

- **Avg:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
- **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. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or 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 Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or 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.
- **MFL:** Million Fibers per Liter (a measure of asbestos).
- **Na:** Not applicable.
- **NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units (a measure of turbidity).
- **pCi/L:** Picocuries per Liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- **ppb:** Micrograms per Liter or Parts per Billion—or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
- **ppm:** Milligrams per Liter or Parts per Million—or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
- **ppt:** Parts per Trillion, or Nanograms per Liter (ng/L).
- **ppq:** Parts per Quadrillion, or Picograms per Liter (pg/L).

# 2012 Regulated Contaminants Detected—ACF

## Coliform Bacteria

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample	2		0	Y	Naturally present in the environment.

## Regulated Contaminants

<u>Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</u>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)</b>	2012	30	29.6—29.6	No Goal for the Total	60	ppb	N	By-Product of Drinking Water Disinfection.
<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)</b>	2012	40	40.3—40.3	No Goal for the Total	80	ppb	N	By-Product of Drinking Water Disinfection.

<u>Inorganic Contaminants</u>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)</b>	2012	0.03	0.03—0.03	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from Fertilizer Use; Leaching from Septic Tanks, Sewage; Erosion of Natural Deposits.

<u>Synthetic Organic Contaminants Including Pesticides and Herbicides</u>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Dalapon</b>	05/21/2008	1.5	0—1.5	200	200	ppb	N	Runoff from Herbicide Used on Rights of Way.

# 2012 Violations Table — ACF

## Ground Water Rule

- The Ground Water Rule specifies the appropriate use of disinfection while addressing other components of ground water systems to ensure public health protection.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
FAILURE TO NOTIFY OTHER PWS	06/05/2012	2012	We failed to notify a water system about the presence of total coliform or fecal contamination. The water system needed the notification because it affects them as well as us. A procedure was implemented to ensure immediate notification.

## Public Notification Rule

- The Public Notification Rule helps to ensure that consumers will always know if there is a problem with their drinking water. These notices immediately alert consumers if there is a serious problem with their drinking water (e.g., a boil water emergency).

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	02/10/2012	2012	We failed to adequately notify you, our drinking water consumers, about a violation of the drinking water regulations. A procedure was implemented to ensure immediate notification.

## Total Coliform

- Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
MCL (TCR), MONTHLY	06/01/2012	06/30/2012	Total coliform bacteria were found in our drinking water during the period indicated in enough samples to violate a standard. Additional monitoring was conducted in the distribution system.

# 2012 Regulated Contaminants Detected—City of Lufkin

## Coliform Bacteria

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	5% of monthly samples	2.3		0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

## Lead and Copper

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL) *	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2012	1.3	1.3	0.473	0	ppm	N	Erosion of Natural Deposits; Leaching from Wood Preservatives; Corrosion of Household Plumbing Systems.
Lead	2012	0	15	2.33	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of Household Plumbing Systems; Erosion of Natural Deposits.

## Maximum Residual Disinfectant Levels

Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Chemical
Free Chlorine	2.2	1.0	4.0	4.0	< 4.0	mg/L	Chlorine Gas.

- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- **This data was provided by the City of Lufkin from their 2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

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### Regulated Contaminants

<u>Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</u>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)</b>	2012	12	11.6—11.6	No Goal for the Total	60	ppb	N	By-Product of Drinking Water Disinfection.
<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)</b>	2012	26	25.9—25.9	No Goal for the Total	80	ppb	N	By-Product of Drinking Water Disinfection.

<u>Inorganic Contaminants</u>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Asbestos</b>	2012	0.3776	0—0.3776	7	7	MFL	N	Decay of Asbestos Cement Water Mains; Erosion of Natural Deposits.
<b>Barium</b>	07/06/11	0.0116	0.0116—0.0116	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of Drilling Wastes; Discharge from Metal Refineries; Erosion of Natural Deposits.
<b>Chromium</b>	07/06/11	0.248	0.248—0.248	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from Steel Mills; Erosion of Natural Deposits.
<b>Fluoride</b>	07/06/11	0.57	0.57—0.57	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of Natural Deposits; Water Additive Which Promotes Strong Teeth; Discharge from Fertilizer and Aluminum Factories.

<u>Radioactive Contaminants</u>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Combined Radium 226/228</b>	07/06/11	1	1—1	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of Natural Deposits.