

# COPPER MOUNTAIN CONSOLIDATED METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

## 2018 Drinking Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2017

*Public Water System ID:* CO0159030

**Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.**

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 Ed Pankevicius at 970-968-2390 with any questions regarding the Drinking Consumer Confidence Rule (CCR) or for public participation opportunities that may affect the water quality. This report will not be mailed out individually to each customer. You can find a full copy of the report at [www.coppermtmetro.com](http://www.coppermtmetro.com) under the Water and Sanitation tab.

### **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 <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants>.

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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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**

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>.

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

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has 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 <http://wqcdcompliance.com/ccr>. The report is located under "Source Water Assessment Reports", and then "Assessment Report by County". Select SUMMIT County and find 159030; Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District or by contacting Ed Pankevicius at 970-968-2390. 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, to ask any questions about the Drinking Water Consumer Confidence 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>Source</u>	<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Water Type</u>	<u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u>
WELL NO 1A	Well	Groundwater	Commercial/industrial transportation, low intensity residential areas, golf course, deciduous and evergreen forests, and roads.
WELL NO 2	Well	Groundwater	Commercial/industrial transportation, low intensity residential areas, golf course, deciduous and evergreen forests, and roads.
WELL NO 3	Well	Groundwater Under Direct Influence of Surface Water	Commercial/industrial transportation, low intensity residential areas, golf course, deciduous and evergreen forests, and roads.
WELL NO 4	Well	Groundwater	Commercial/industrial transportation, low intensity residential areas, golf course, deciduous and evergreen forests, and roads.

## Terms and Abbreviations

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **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.

## Detected Contaminants

Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District 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, 2017 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.

Summary of Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System						
Contaminant Name	Year	Results	Sample Size	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Free Chlorine	2017	0.54mg/L – 2.64mg/L	72	0.2-4.0 mg/L	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	7/3/2017 to 7/21/2017	0.633	20	mg/L	1.3 mg/L	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	7/3/2017 to 7/21/2017	0.003	20	mg/L	0.015 mg/L	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	Highest Compliance Value	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2017	4.8	1 to 8.4	8	ug/L	60	N/A		No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2017	9.9	0.5 to 22.6	8	ug/L	80	N/A		No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

**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	2014	1.5	1.1 to 2.1	3	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2012	0.3	0.2 to 0.5	3	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium	2014	1.37	1.2 to 1.6	3	ug/L	30	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta Particle Activity	2012	0.77	0 to 1.2	3	pCi/L*	50	0	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits

\*The MCL for Gross Beta Particle Activity is 4 mrem/year. Since there is no simple conversion between mrem/year and pCi/L EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for Gross Beta Particle Activity.

**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	2014	0.18	0.14 to 0.24	3	mg/L	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	2017	0.25	0.1 to 0.4	2	mg/L	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

**Synthetic Organic 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
Carbofuran	2015	0.05	0 to 0.32	6	ug/L	40	40	No	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa

**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
Total Dissolved Solids	2017	382.5	326 to 413	4	mg/L	500

**Total Molybdenum**

Source	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure
WELL NO 1A	2017	0.0013	0.0012 to 0.0014	2	mg/L
WELL NO 2	2017	<0.0005	<0.0005 to <0.0005	2	mg/L

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

**Tier 3 Violation Recorded**

**Description of Violation**

**Monitoring, Recordkeeping and Data Verification:** Design Approval: During the sanitary survey, 12-09-2016, the CDPHE Department inspector identified that the Supplier had not received approval, nor submitted plans and specifications to the Department for approval of the disinfection system upgrade at the Well 1A/3. Per Section 11.4(1) of Regulation 11, no person shall make improvements to or modify the treatment process of an existing water works until plans and specifications for such construction, improvements, or modifications have been submitted to, and approved by the CDPHE Department.

Specifically, the Supplier replaced the existing Hammond hypochlorite tablet dissolving system with a liquid sodium hypochlorite feed system so that additional hypochlorite could be fed to meet the demands of the interim measures requirement after the groundwater under the direct influent of surface water (GWUDI) determination for the two wells. The liquid hypochlorite used did meet American National Standards Institute Standard 60 for chemicals fed to potable water and the system appeared to meet the State of Colorado Design Criteria for Potable Water Systems with the exception of secondary containment.

**There are no potential adverse health effects that will occur from this violation or situation.**

**There is no need for the consumer to take any action concerning this violation or situation.**

Basis of design report was submitted with pertinent drawings to specifications for disinfection system in November 2016 to CDPHE.

Please contact the Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District Water Treatment offices, located at 0020 Highway 91 Copper Mountain CO, 80443, or Ed Pankevicius at (970) 968-2390 if you have any questions, concerns, or require more information regarding this violation or situation.