

**\*\* Chandler Detected Regulated Contaminants 2012, 2013 & 2014:**

| Contaminant (units)             | MCL | MCLG | Average (of samples) | Range of Samples (Low to high) | MCL Violation | Likely Source   |
|---------------------------------|-----|------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Arsenic (ppb)                   | 10  | 0    | 4.7                  | <1.0 – 9.8                     | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Barium (ppm)                    | 2   | 2    | 0.08                 | 0.017 – 0.13                   | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Chromium (ppb)                  | 100 | 100  | 9.77                 | <1 – 22                        | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Fluoride (ppm)                  | 4   | 4    | 0.50                 | <0.4 – 1.3                     | No            | Natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth         |
| Selenium (ppb)                  | 50  | 50   | 1.36                 | <2.0 -12.0                     | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Nitrate (ppm)                   | 10  | 10   | 2.9                  | <0.2 – 9.5                     | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Sodium (ppm)                    | N/A | N/A  | 171                  | 84 - 290                       | N/A           | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| 2,4-D (ppb)                     | 70  | 70   | 0.006                | <0.1 – 0.21                    | No            | Herbicide runoff  |
| Benzo(A)pyrene (ppt)            | 200 | 0    | 9.63                 | <20.0 - 44                     | No            | Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines |
| Dalapon (ppb)                   | 200 | 200  | 0.13                 | <1.0 – 12.0                    | No            | Herbicide runoff  |
| Di(2-ethylhexyl)Phthalate (ppb) | 6   | 0    | 0.10                 | <0.6- 3.9                      | No            | Plastic pipes   |
| Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (ppb) | 50  | 50   | 0.002                | <0.1 – 0.12                    | No            | Discharge from chemical factories                                   |
| Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)          | 15  | 0    | 1.2                  | <1- 3.6                        | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Uranium (ppb)                   | 30  | 0    | 2.7                  | <1.0 – 6.2                     | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Uranium (ppb)                   | 50  | 0    | 4                    | 4- single sample               | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Total Radium (pCi/L)            | 5   | 0    | 0.025                | <0.3-0.8                       | No            | Erosion of natural deposits   |

**Distribution System Detections 2013:**

| Contaminant                    | Units | Maximum Contaminant Level   | MCLG         | Results                         | MCL Violation | Sources in Drinking water                 |
|--------------------------------|-------|---|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Total Coliform Bacteria        | P/A   | No more than 5% of monthly samples may be total coliform positive<br>Annual Percentage<br>Monthly Range (low to high) | 0.0 %        | 0.21%<br>0.0 % - 1.29%          | No            | Naturally present in the environment      |
| Chlorine (Distribution System) | ppm   | Maximum = 4.0 ppm / Minimum = Trace Amount<br>(MRDL = Annual Moving Average)  | MRDLG<br>4.0 | 1.3 annual avg.<br>0.03 minimum | No            | Water additive used to control microbes   |
| Turbidity                      | NTU   | TT = 1.0 NTU MAX<br>TT = < or = 0.3 NTU 95% of the time   | N/A          | 0<br>100%                       | No            | Soil runoff                               |
| (TTHMs) Total Trihalomethanes  | ppb   | 80 Highest Locational Running Annual Average<br>Range all samples (low to high)                                       | N/A          | 38.6<br><2.0 - 81               | No            | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)        | ppb   | 60 Highest Locational Running Annual Average<br>Range all samples (low to high)                                       | N/A          | 11.7<br><1 - 21                 | No            | By-product of drinking water disinfection |

**\* Lead and Copper Study 2013:**

| Contaminant (units) | Maximum Contaminant Level   | MCLG    | Results   | Sources in Drinking water   |
|---------------------|---|---------|-----------|---|
| Lead (ppb)          | Action level = 15 ppb<br>90th percentile<br>Number of sites exceeding action level  | 0 ppb   | 3.0<br>0  | Corrosion of household plumbing systems;<br>Erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper (ppm)        | Action level = 1.3 ppm<br>90th percentile<br>Number of sites exceeding action level | 1.3 ppm | 0.24<br>0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems;<br>Erosion of natural deposits |

**Notes:**  
 \* The state allows water systems to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative, is more than one year old. The Lead and Copper Table contained in this brochure summarizes analytical tests conducted on Chandler's drinking water in 2013.  
 \*\* Some average values are less than the low range due to substituting non-detect (<) values with zero, per the regulations governing compliance calculations.  
 \*\*\* The MCL for beta particles is 4 mrem/year. EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles. Because the beta particle results were below 50 pCi/L, no testing for individual beta particle constituents was required.

**Definitions:**  
 Parts per million (ppm): Parts per million are a measurement of concentration of substances dissolved in water. One ppm is equivalent to one gallon in one million gallons.  
 Parts per billion (ppb): Parts per billion are a measurement of concentration of substances dissolved in water. One ppb is equivalent to one gallon in one billion gallons. A ppb is one thousand times smaller than a ppm.  
 Parts per trillion (ppt): Parts per trillion are a measurement of concentration of substances dissolved in water. One ppt is equivalent to one gallon in one trillion gallons.  
 Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity of a substance.  
 Gr/gal is grains per gallon of hardness; also 1 grain per gallon of hardness equals 17.1 ppm of hardness.  
 P/A equals Presence or Absence  
 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): A measurement of the relative clarity of drinking water.  
 Non-Applicable (N/A): EPA has not set MCLs or MCLGs for these substances.  
 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.

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 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.  
 Minimum Reporting Level (MRL) represent an estimate of the lowest concentration of a compound that can be qualitatively measured by a group of experienced drinking water laboratories  
 Treatment Technique (TT): A required process to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.  
 Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.  
 Average (of samples): The average of all samples taken during the monitoring period.  
 Range (low to high): The lowest analytical result reported to the highest analytical result reported. All other analytical results fall between these two numbers.  
 Turbidity: Turbidity is the cloudiness of the water. Turbidity has no health effects, however, high levels of turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.



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The City of Chandler Municipal Utilities Department is committed to providing a safe supply of drinking water to our customers. As a result of this strong commitment, the City of Chandler routinely performs more tests on the water residents receive than is required by law. We issue this annual report describing the quality of your drinking water to comply with State and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. Much of the language used is mandated by these regulations. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect your drinking water sources. We are proud to report Chandler's water meets, or exceeds, all health and safety standards set by the County, State, and Federal government regulatory agencies for 2014. This brochure provides valuable information about your drinking water, including information about its source and quality.

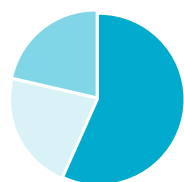
## About your Water Supply

The drinking water distributed by the City of Chandler to its customers comes from three sources:

- The Chandler Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) treats and disinfects water from the Salt River, Verde River, Central Arizona Project (Colorado River), and Salt River Project (SRP) wells whose water is transported to Chandler via the Consolidated Canal.
- 27 active wells supply groundwater from aquifers underlying Chandler. Groundwater is disinfected with chlorine prior to being introduced into the City's water distribution system.
- The City of Chandler and the Town of Gilbert jointly own the Santan Vista Water Treatment Plant (SVWTP) located in the Town of Gilbert. This facility currently treats and distributes up to 12 million gallons per day of Colorado River water from the Central Arizona Project to each city. By definition, this makes the Town of Gilbert a wholesale system and the City of Chandler a consecutive system. Therefore we include compliance information supplied by the SVWTP. The Town of Gilbert's annual Water Quality Report can be accessed at <http://www.gilbertaz.gov/departments/public-works/water/water-quality/reports>.

## City of Chandler Water Supply Statistics

- 19.67 billion gallons of drinking water was supplied to Chandler water users in 2014. (A daily average of 53.9 million gallons!)
- Chandler's SWTP produced 11.12 billion gallons, or 56.9% of the City's total drinking water.
- Groundwater wells produced 4.3 billion gallons, or 21.9% of the City's total drinking water.
- The SVWTP supplied 4.16 billion gallons, or 21.2% of the City's total drinking water.



## Drinking Water and your Health

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 (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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. This population should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (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 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, 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.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring, or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water providing the same level of protection for public health. Information on these regulations may be obtained by calling 1-888-463-6332.

Contaminants of concern for drinking water are subject to regulatory requirements for analysis on three-year cycles. The City of Chandler last sampled all of its water sources for applicable contaminants in 2012.

## Contaminants of concern

### Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation

The 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act required the EPA to establish criteria for a program to monitor unregulated contaminants and publish a list of up to 30 contaminants to be monitored every five years. The EPA published the final rule for the Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation Cycle (UCMR3) to meet this requirement in the Federal Register on May 2, 2012. UCMR3 required a total of 28 compounds to be analyzed, with the Chandler's assigned

sampling period being calendar year 2014. Twenty of the 28 compounds were not detected in our water system. All the detections were in the lower parts per billion range, which is equivalent to one gallon in one billion gallons.

### Cryptosporidium and Giardia

The City of Chandler sampled its water for the presence of the protozoans *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* in 2005. Though rare, *Cryptosporidium* and/or *Giardia* have been identified in the source water Chandler receives from the Consolidated Canal. The filtration system in the City's SWTP exceeds EPA requirements for removal of *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*. Another round of sampling has begun in 2015.

### Nitrate

The highest nitrate level measured in Chandler's water during 2014 was 9.5 parts per million (ppm). The average was 2.9 ppm, which is well below the EPA limit of 10 ppm. 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 due to rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

### Arsenic

While your drinking water meets EPA's maximum contaminant level (MCL) standard of 10 ppb for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. Compliance with the MCL is based on a running annual average, which for 2014 was 4.7 ppb. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing it from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is an element known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

### Detected Unregulated Contaminant (UCMR3):

| Contaminant (units) | Units | MRL  | Average (of samples) | Range of Samples (Low to high) | Likely Source   |
|---------------------|-------|------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1,4-Dioxane         | ppb   | 0.07 | 0.005                | <0.07 – 0.23                   | Discharge from chemical factories                               |
| Chlorate            | ppb   | 20.0 | 91                   | <20 - 310                      | By-product of drinking water disinfection                       |
| Chromium            | ppb   | 0.2  | 5.5                  | 0.2 – 23                       | Erosion of natural deposits                                     |
| Cobalt              | ppb   | 1.0  | 0.014                | <1 - 1                         | Erosion of natural deposits, also used in industrial processes, |
| Hexavalent Chromium | ppb   | 0.03 | 5.32                 | 0.03 - 19                      | Erosion of natural deposits, also used in industrial processes  |
| Molybdenum          | ppb   | 1.0  | 2.6                  | 1 – 7.2                        | Erosion of natural deposits                                     |
| Strontium           | ppb   | 0.3  | 991                  | 370 -2000                      | Erosion of natural deposits                                     |
| Vanadium            | ppb   | 0.2  | 5.5                  | 2.1 - 14                       | Erosion of natural deposits, also used in industrial processes  |

### Santan Vista Detected Regulated Contaminants 2014:

| Contaminant    | MCL | MCLG | Average (of samples) | Range of Samples (Low to high) | MCL Violation | Likely Source   |
|----------------|-----|------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Barium (ppm)   | 2   | 2    | 0.1                  | 1- single sample               | No            | Erosion of natural deposits                                 |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 4   | 4    | 0.62                 | 0.62- single sample            | No            | Natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth |
| Sodium (ppm)   | N/A | N/A  | 100                  | 100- single sample             | No            | Erosion of natural deposits                                 |

### Santan Vista Detected Unregulated Contaminant 2014 (UCMR3):

| Contaminant | Units | MRL  | Average (of samples) | Range of Samples (Low to high) | Sources in Drinking Water                                      |
|-------------|-------|------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Vanadium    | ppb   | 0.07 | 2.8                  | 2.8- single sample             | Erosion of natural deposits, also used in industrial processes |
| Chlorate    | ppb   | 20.0 | 85                   | 85- single sample              | By-product of drinking water disinfection                      |
| Molybdenum  | ppb   |      | 5.1                  | 5.1- single sample             | Erosion of natural deposits                                    |
| Strontium   | ppb   | 0.2  | 1000                 | 1000 – single sample           | Erosion of natural deposits                                    |

### Santan Vista Detected Disinfection By-product Contaminant 2014:

| Contaminant | Units | MRL | Average (of samples) | Range of Samples (Low to high) | Sources in Drinking Water                 |
|-------------|-------|-----|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Bromate     | ppb   | 10  | 1.5                  | <10 – 2.3                      | By-product of drinking water disinfection |

## Lead and Copper Testing

Federal regulations require all cities test for lead and copper at selected customer's taps at least once every three years. The City of Chandler last conducted lead and copper tap sampling in the summer of 2013, with the concentrations of lead and copper well below regulatory limits. The next round of lead and copper sampling will be in June-September 2016. 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. The City of Chandler is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in household 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 by a commercial laboratory. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Organic Chemicals Contaminants

This category includes synthetic organic chemicals (SOC) and volatile organic chemicals (VOC), which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production. They can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

## Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.



## **Protecting Chandler's Water Supply**

### **Backflow Prevention**

The City of Chandler has a backflow prevention program ensuring proper installation and maintenance of thousands of backflow prevention devices throughout the City. These devices ensure hazards originating on customer's property and from temporary connections do not impair or alter the water in the City's water distribution system. Return of any water to the City's water distribution system after the water has been used for any purpose on the customer's premises or within the customer's piping system is unacceptable. Backflow prevention devices range from vacuum breakers on household hose bibs to large commercial reduced-pressure principal devices found throughout the City.

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

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) completed a source water assessment for drinking water wells and surface water sources for Chandler's public water system in 2005. The assessment reviewed adjacent land uses that may pose a potential risk to water sources. These risks include, but are not limited to, gas stations, landfills, dry cleaners, agriculture fields, wastewater treatment plants, and mining activities. Once ADEQ identified the adjacent land uses, they were ranked on their potential to affect the water source.

All surface water sources are considered high risk due to their exposure to open air. The overall risk posed to surface water is addressed by EPA through its increased monitoring requirements for surface water sources.

Two of Chandler's drinking water wells were considered high risk based on adjacent land use criteria. The Chandler public water system conducts regular monitoring of drinking water entering the water distribution system from all wells to ensure land uses have not impacted the source water.

The complete report is available for inspection at ADEQ, 1110 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Electronic copies are available from ADEQ at [dml@azdeq.gov](mailto:dml@azdeq.gov). For more information, visit ADEQ's Source Water Assessment and Protection Unit website at <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/water/dw/swap.html>.

### **Storm Water Pollution Prevention Tips**



"Be the solution to storm water pollution" – common storm water pollutants include sediment, motor oil and other vehicle fluids, pet waste, yard debris, metals, pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides, to name a few. For more information on storm water pollution prevention, please go to [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov) and search "stormwater".

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### Guidelines for Everyday Pollution Prevention – “Only Rain In the Storm Drain”

- Sweep yard debris and properly dispose of in the trash, rather than blowing or hosing into the street.
- Contain pool or spa water on private property or dispose of it in the sanitary sewer cleanout associated with your home. For more information call 480-782-3507 or search “pool drainage” at [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov).
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly and as directed by the manufacturer.
- Pick up after your pet and properly dispose of the waste in the trash.
- Wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface, or use a commercial car wash.
- Always use a nozzle on your garden hose around the home. Do not let the water free flow into the street.
- Maintain vehicles to be free of leaks and do not park leaking vehicles on the street.
- Do not over-water your lawn.
- Report illegal dumping into streets and storm drains by calling 480-782-3503 or at [www.chandleraz.gov](http://www.chandleraz.gov).
- Minimize your purchase and use of hazardous products. Dispose of unused quantities properly. Please contact Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510 for proper disposal guidelines of hazardous waste materials such as used motor oil and other similar fluids.

### Seasonal Changes in Flavor

The flavor of Chandler’s water may change at certain times of the year, depending on the water source.

Chandler works with SRP to minimize algae in the canal system and to provide treatment at the SWTP to reduce off-flavors and odors. Arizona State University and the City of Chandler have partnered to routinely monitor for taste and odor precursors in the Consolidated Canal. This allows the treatment plant to have more precise control over taste and odor events and to better utilize resources and manage cost.

### Who do I contact with questions about Chandler’s Drinking Water?

If you have any questions about your tap water or the information in this report, please call 480-782-3660 during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday). You can also visit our website at <http://www.chandleraz.gov>.

Citizens who wish to address the City Council about water issues may do so at regularly scheduled City Council meetings normally held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings are held at Chandler City Hall Council Chambers, 175 S. Arizona Avenue. For information about specific meeting times and agenda items, please contact the City Clerk’s office at 480-782-2180, or visit <http://www.chandleraz.gov> and click on Government tab and then select City Council Agendas & Minutes from the drop down menu on the home page.

If you have questions or desire more information, visit [www.chandleraz.gov/waterquality](http://www.chandleraz.gov/waterquality), or call (480) 782-3660 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or mail your inquiry to City of Chandler, Mail Stop 803, P.O. Box 4008, Chandler, AZ 85244-4008. If you have questions or desire more information, visit [www.chandleraz.gov/waterquality](http://www.chandleraz.gov/waterquality), or call (480) 782-3660 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or mail your inquiry to City of Chandler, Mail Stop 803, P.O. Box 4008, Chandler, AZ 85244-4008.