

# Somers Water Utility

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<b>Microbiological Results †</b>							
Total Coliform Bacteria (% positive)	< 5% of monthly samples	0	0%	0%	2020	No	Naturally present in the environment; E.coli is a type of coliform that is present in human and animal waste.
<b>Disinfection Results †</b>							
Free Chlorine (ppm)	{ 4 }	{ 4 }	1.09	0.95 – 1.21	2020	No	Drinking water disinfectant
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	0	13.9	9.3 – 19.7	2020	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Tot. Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	0	28.2(avg)	15.2 – 36.5	2020	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	80	0	9.7	6.1 – 12.0	2020	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bromoform (ppb)	80	0	ND	ND	2020	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chloroform (ppb)	80	0	14.3 (avg)	5.9 – 20.0	2020	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	80	0	4.3	3.2 – 5.5	2020	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
† - Microbiological and Disinfection Results are for KWU's distribution system, provided as an informational item. These results are not applicable to other distribution systems.							
Cryptosporidium	TT	0	0	0	2015-17	No	Microbial parasite found in surface water throughout the USA
<b>Regulated Inorganic Results</b>							
Antimony (ppb)	6	6	ND	ND	2020	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries, fire retardants, ceramics, electronics, solder
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	0.52	0.52	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards , runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.021	0.021	2020	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium (ppb)	4	4	ND	ND	2020	No	Discharge from metal refineries and coal burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	ND	ND	2020	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	ND	ND	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits, Discharge from steel and pulp mills
Copper (ppm)	1.3 (AL)	1.3	0.17 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	0.002 – 0.43	2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Cyanide (ppb)	200	200	ND	ND	2020	No	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.73 (avg)	0.67 – 0.79	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead (ppb)	15 (AL)	0	7.80 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	0.62 – 11.0	2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Mercury (ppb)	2	2	ND	ND	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from Refineries and factories; runoff from landfills and croplands
Nickel (ppb)	100	N/A	0.8	0.8	2020	No	Occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products
Nitrate as N (ppm)	10	10	0.52	0.52	2020	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	ND	ND	2020	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	14	14	2020	No	N/A
Thallium (ppb)	2	0.5	ND	ND	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from ore processing sites
<b>Regulated Synthetic Organic Results</b>							
Atrazine (ppb)	3	0	0.036	0.036	2020	No	Herbicide – Agricultural Runoff
Dual (Metolachlor) (ppb)	N/A	0	0.012	0.012	2020	No	Herbicide – Agricultural Runoff

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<b>Radioactivity Results</b>							
Radioactivity, Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	15	0	ND	ND	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 (pCi/L)	5	0	ND	ND	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228 (pCi/L)	5	0	ND	ND	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ppb)	30	0	0.33	0.33	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Program</b>							
<b>UCMR-4</b>							
10 Cyanotoxins	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2018	N/A	Freshwater Cyanobacterial (Blue-Green Algae) Blooms
Germanium (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Naturally-occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; a byproduct of zinc ore processing; used in infrared optics, fiber optics, electronics and solar applications.
Manganese (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.67	ND - 0.67	2019	N/A	Naturally occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical.
8 Pesticides	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Agricultural/Residential Run-off (includes Insecticides, herbicides and fungicides.)
1 Pesticide Byproduct (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Agricultural Run-off
3 Alcohols (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Solvents, food additives, production of flavorings, consumer products such as synthetic cosmetics, perfumes, fragrances, hair preparations, and skin lotions.
3 Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	Food additives (antioxidants), production of dyes, rubber, pharmaceuticals and pesticides. Used as pharmaceuticals, flavoring agents. Component of coal. Produced as chemical intermediates.
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	1850 (avg)	1700 – 2000	2019	N/A	N/A
Bromide (ppb)	N/A	N/A	34.5 (avg)	33 – 36	2019	N/A	Occurs naturally in the environment in low levels. Concentrated sources include wastewater discharges from fossil fuel production and coal fired power plants, mining operations, and pesticides.
Dichloroacetic acid (DCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	7.4 (avg)	5.7 – 9.5	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Monochloroacetic acid (MCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Trichloroacetic acid (TCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	6.9 (avg)	5.5 – 7.9	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bromochloroacetic acid (BCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	3.7 (avg)	3.2 – 4.2	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bromodichloroacetic acid (BDCAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	5.3 (avg)	4.4 – 6.4	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorodibromoacetic acid (CDBAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	1.3 (avg)	1.1 – 1.6	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Tribromoacetic acid (TBAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Monobromoacetic acid (MBAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.54 (avg)	0.42 – 0.65	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Dibromoacetic acid (DBAA) (ppb)	N/A	N/A	0.74 (avg)	0.67 – 0.80	2019	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination

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<b>Other Monitored Parameters</b>							
Sulfate (ppm)	N/A	N/A	26	26	2020	N/A	N/A
Ortho-phosphate (ppm)	N/A	N/A	0.89 (avg)	0.82 – 0.98	2020	N/A	Water additive to reduce corrosion of household plumbing systems
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	TT	N/A	1.7	1.5 – 2.1	2020	N/A	N/A
Turbidity (NTU)	< 0.30	N/A	0.037 (avg)	0.018 – 0.066	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Alkalinity (ppm)	N/A	N/A	102 (avg)	96 – 109	2020	N/A	N/A
Conductivity (µS/cm)	N/A	N/A	308 (avg)	286 – 349	2020	N/A	N/A
Total Hardness (ppm)	N/A	N/A	137 (avg)	132 – 146	2020	N/A	N/A
Temperature (°F)	N/A	N/A	47.6 (avg)	33.8 – 69.8	2020	N/A	N/A
pH (pH Units)	N/A	N/A	7.69 (avg)	7.53 – 7.89	2020	N/A	N/A

**AI: Action Level** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. Action levels are reported at the 90th percentile from homes at greatest risk.

**MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level** 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.

**MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** 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.

**{MRDL}: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level** 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.

**{MRDLG}: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal** 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 contamination.

**TT: Treatment Technique** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### DEFINITIONS

#### Abbreviations:

avg: average

N/A: Not Applicable

ND: Not Detected

pCi/L: picocuries per liter

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units

ppb: parts per billion (µg/L)

ppm: parts per million (mg/L)

µS/cm: microsiemens per centimeter