



Water Quality Report  
2008

Gorgoza Mutual Water • 7950 Pinebrook Road • Park City, Utah

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day.

**We're pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements.**

Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

**We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.**

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# Our History

Nancy's Pumphouse

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## Cross-connection

There are many connections to our water distribution system. When connections are properly installed and maintained, the concerns are very minimal. However, unapproved and improper piping changes or connections can adversely affect not only the availability, but also the quality of the water. A cross connection may let polluted water or even chemicals mingle into the water supply system when not properly protected. This not only compromises the water quality but can also affect your health. So, what can you do? Do not make or allow improper connections at your homes. Even that unprotected garden hose lying in the puddle next to the driveway is a cross connection. The unprotected lawn sprinkler system after you have fertilized or sprayed is also a cross connection. When the cross connection is allowed to exist at your home, it will affect you and your family first. If you'd like to learn more about helping to protect the quality of our water, call us for further information about ways you can help.



All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or man made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. 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 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. 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 and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

# Test Results

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected ND/Low-High	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Date Sampled	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>							
Turbidity for Ground Water	N	12	NTU	N/A	5	2008	Soil runoff
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>							
Alpha emitters	N	7	pCi/1	0	15	2008	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium	N	3	pCi/1	0	5	2008	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	N	0-2	pCi/1	0	5	2008	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Antimony	N	ND - 600	ppt	6000	6000	2008	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic	N	0	ppb	0	10	2008	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium	N	278	ppb	2000	2000	2008	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	N	2	ppb	100	100	2008	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide	N	ND - 7	ppb	200	200	2008	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	200-800	ppb	10000	10000	2008	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	N	500	ppt	50000	50000	2008	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium	N	28	ppm	None set by EPA		2008	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills.
Sulfate	N	14	ppm	1000	1000	2008	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills, runoff from cropland
TDS (Total Dissolved solids)	N	448	ppm	2000	2000	2008	Erosion of natural deposits

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.



If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact John Bollwinkel (435) 640-7792. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend annual meeting or any of the quarterly board meetings. Check [www.gorgozawater.com](http://www.gorgozawater.com) for specific dates and times.

Gorgoza Mutual Water Company routinely monitors for constituents in our drinking water in accordance with the Federal and Utah State laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

**Table Definitions:** In the table to the left you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**ND/Low - High** - For water systems that have multiple sources of water, the Utah Division of Drinking Water has given water systems the option of listing the test results of the constituents in one table, instead of multiple tables. To accomplish this, the lowest and highest values detected in the multiple sources are recorded in the same space in the report table.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l)** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is 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 "Goal" (MCLG) is 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.

**Date** - Because of required sampling time frames i.e. yearly, 3 years, 4 years and 6 years, sampling dates may seem out-dated.

**Gorgoza Water Sources** Our water sources Two Mile Spring, Well #1, Dan's Well, Well P3, Well 4B, Well 4R, Southridge Well, Ankareh Well, and Parley's Well have been determined to a groundwater sources. The Drinking Water Source Protection Plan for Gorgoza Mutual Water System is available for your review. It contains information about source protection zones, potential contamination sources and management strategies to protect our drinking water. Our sources are located in protected areas and have a low level of susceptibility to potential contamination sources. We have also developed management strategies to further protect our sources from contamination; furthermore, you can help protect our valuable drinking water source by taking an active role in protecting your drinking water through the proper storage, use, and disposal of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, oils, and other household chemicals. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns about our source protection plan.



We at Gorgoza Mutual Water Company work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.