

**2020 ANNUAL  
DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**

**Q Mountain Vista**

**Public Water System Number: AZ04-15-509**



**JANUARY 1, 2016 - DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**FIVE YEAR MONITORING PERIOD AND**

**LAB SAMPLE TEST RESULTS**

**REPORT DATE: JULY 1, 2021**

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water & the services we deliver to you everyday. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of quality 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.



**IS YOUR DRINKING WATER SAFE?** Yes. This community water system routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The results of our monitoring are for the period of **January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020**. Last year, as in years past, your tap water has met all **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** and State drinking water health standards. This cws vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard.

**DO YOU NEED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS?** 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/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 Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

**WHERE YOUR WATER COMES FROM & POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION:** The sources of your drinking water include rivers, lakes, reservoirs, streams, ponds, springs & 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. 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 (800-426-4791)**. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that 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 (SOC's and VOC's)**, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

### **CONSECUTIVE CONNECTION SOURCE**

A public water system that receives some or all of its finished water from one or more wholesale systems by means of a direct connection or through the distribution system of one or more consecutive systems. Systems that purchase water from another system report regulated contaminants detected from the source water supply in a separate table.

PWS# **AZ04-15-346 The Town of Quartzsite** provides us a consecutive connection source of water.

**SOURCE WATER ASSESMENT & its AVAILABILITY:** On March 6, 2002 the **Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)** completed a source water assessment for Q Mountain Vista. Based on the information currently available on the hydrogeologic settings of and the adjacent land uses that are in the specified proximity of the drinking water source(s) of this public water system, the department has given a low risk designation for the degree to which this public water system drinking water source(s) are protected. A low risk designation indicates that most source water protection measures are either already implemented, or the hydrogeology is such that the source water protection measures will have little impact on protection.

**POBLACIONES DE DISCURSO DE NON-ENGLISH PERSONAS:** Para la información sobre la importancia de este informe de la confianza de consumidor yo para obtener una copia traducida yo ayuda en la lengua apropiada, notifique por favor este CWS en el número encontrado en la página pasada de este informe o usted puede entrar en contacto con a este operador de sistemas certificado CWS's del agua, **Joe Fiano** de los operadores del tratamiento de aguas y de los consultores ambientales en **(602) 501-0713**

**ADDITIONAL CONTAMINANT INFORMATION:** We have tested for many contaminants. The contaminants that we detected are defined below. The results of all the contaminants that we tested for from the past five years can be found in the "**Water Quality Data Table**" portion of this report.

### **Drinking Water Contaminant**

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria that 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** that 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 byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**DISINFECTANTS & DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS ARE CONTROLLED:** Well & Surface water is safely disinfected with chlorine before being delivered to you, the consumer. Federal law requires a minimum chlorine disinfectant level of 0.2 ppm in the water. There also is a **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** allowed in the water in the distribution system as it travels to your tap.

While it is essential to disinfect the water to prevent widespread outbreaks of serious diseases & comply with the EPA standards, the use of disinfectants can create **Disinfection Byproducts (DBP'S)**, which are formed when natural organic matter such as **Total Organic Carbon (TOC)** in water reacts with chemicals used for disinfection.

In most cases, groundwater contains very little TOC, therefore, disinfection byproducts formation are not usually a problem from water coming from wells. To determine formation of DBP's in the distribution system, the company monitors for **Trihalomethanes (TTHM's)** and **Haloacetic Acids (HAA5's)** which are DBP's that may cause long-term health effects at certain concentrations. TTHM's & HAA5's are sampled throughout the distribution system monthly and reported to ADEQ on a quarterly basis. Then, a running annual average of all samples is calculated to determine compliance with the **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**. Based on those sampling criteria, this CWS's running annual average is below the MCL.

**ARSENIC:** While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for Arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.


**NITRATE:** Nitrate in drinking water at levels above the MCL of 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 because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

**LEAD:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant woman and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. **Q Mountain Vista** is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but can not 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 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 [Safe Drinking Water Hotline](#) or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Infants & children, who drink water containing lead in excess of the Action Level of 0.015 mg/L, could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span & learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

**COPPER:** Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level of 1.3 mg/L over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink this water over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal physician.

							
Microbiological	Violation Y or N	Number of Samples Present OR Highest Level Detected	Absent (A) or Present (P) OR Range of All Samples (L-H)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (System takes ≥ 40 monthly samples) 5% of monthly samples are positive; (System takes ≤ 40 monthly samples) 1 positive monthly sample	No	0	Absent	0	0	Jan – Dec 2020	Naturally Present in Environment
Fecal coliform and E. Coli (TC Rule)	No	0	Absent	0	0	Jan – Dec 2020	Human and animal fecal waste
Fecal Indicators (E. coli, enterococci or coliphage) (GW Rule)	No	N/A	N/A	TT	n/a	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste
Disinfectants	Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA)	Range of All Samples (L-H)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	No	0.8333	0.5-1.2	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	Jan – Dec 2020	Water additive used to control microbes
Disinfection By-Products	Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (L-H)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (ppb) (HAA5)	No	2.8	2.8	60	n/a	July 2019	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) (TTHM)	No	20	20	80	n/a	July 2019	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Lead & Copper	Violation Y or N	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AND Number of Samples Over the AL	Number of Sample Exceeds AL	AL	ALG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	No	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile = 0.24	0	AL = 1.3	ALG = 1.3	June 2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	No	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile = 9	0	AL = 15	0	June 2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)	Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (L-H)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic (ppb)	No	1.8	1.8	10	0	November 2019	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Nitrate (ppm)	No	0.12	0.12	10	10	October 2019	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

## TOWN OF QUARTZSITE WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)	Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (L-H)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Antimony (ppb)	No	<1.0	<1.0	6	6	May 2020	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics, electronics and solder
Arsenic (ppb)	No	2.3	2.2 – 2.3	10	0	May 2020	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	No	0.023	0.020 – 0.023	2	2	May 2020	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium (ppb)	No	< 1.0	< 1.0	4	4	May 2020	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)	No	< 0.5	< 0.5	5	5	May 2020	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; natural deposits; metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium (ppb)	No	<1	<1	100	100	May 2020	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	No	<25	< 25	200	200	May 2020	Discharge from steel/metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride (ppm)	No	1.5	1.5	4	4	May 2020	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Mercury (ppb)	No	< 0.2	< 0.2	2	2	May 2020	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills and cropland.
Nitrate (ppm)	No	<0.05	<0.05	10	10	May 2020	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	No	<5	<5	50	50	May 2020	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	No	260	260	N/A	N/A	May 2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Thallium (ppb)	No	<1.0	< 1.0	2	0.5	May 2020	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

## 💧 IMPORTANT DRINKING WATER DEFINITIONS 💧

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

**ALG = Action Level Goal** - The "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. The ALG allows for a margin of safety.

**MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

**MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

**MFL** - Million fibers per liter.

**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 Disinfection Level Goal** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**MREM = Millirems per year** – a measure of radiation absorbed by the body

**N/A = Not Applicable** – Sampling was not completed by regulation or was not required

**NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units** – a measure of water clarity

**PCi/L= Picocuries per Liter** - a measure of the Radioactivity in the water

**PPM = Parts per Million, or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)**

**PPB = Parts per Billion, or Micrograms per Liter (µg/L)**

**PPT = Parts per Trillion, or Nanograms per Liter**

**PPQ = Parts per Quadrillion, or Picograms per Liter**

**RAA = Running Annual Average:** An average of monitoring results for the previous 12 calendar months.

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

**Variations and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

ppm x 1000 = ppb
ppb x 1000 = ppt
ppt x 1000 = ppq

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