LEAD AND COPPER EDUCATION NOTICE

The Las Vegas Valley Water District, which operates the Searchlight Water System, actively monitors for lead and copper in accordance with state and EPA Lead and Copper Rule requirements. The following information is provided to help you assess risks in your tap water. If present at elevated levels, 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 Water District is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water up to your meter, but cannot control the variety of materials used in home plumbing components. Homes built before 1986 are more likely to have lead-based 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 two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested by a private laboratory. For more information, call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 800-426-4791, or visit epa.gov.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Those with compromised immune systems such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have had organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune-system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health-care providers about drinking water. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infections are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

INPUT AND INFORMATION

For water-quality information, call 702-258-3215. Submit questions via the “Contact Us” form on lvwwd.com or by mail: Las Vegas Valley Water District, Water Quality Division, 1001 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89153. For the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline, call 800-426-4791; for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection’s Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, call 775-687-9523 or visit ndep.nv.gov/water.

Visit the Searchlight system pages on lvwwd.com for information on scheduled meetings of the Searchlight Water System Board of Directors. Meetings are open to the public.

LVWWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Searchlight Water System falls within the jurisdiction of the Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVWWD). The LVWWD Board of Directors, which is responsible for governing the district’s activities, is composed of the Clark County Commissioners. Marilyn Kirkpatrick, President

James Gibson, Vice President

Larry Brown, Justin Jones, Michael Naft, Tick Segerblom, Lawrence Weekly

John J. Entsminger, General Manager

NOTICIA EN ESPAÑOL

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act was amended in 1996 and requires states to develop and implement source-water assessment programs to analyze existing and potential threats to the quality of public drinking water throughout the state. A summary of the Searchlight Water System’s susceptibility to potential sources of contamination was initially provided by the state of Nevada in 2005, and an updated summary was published in the 2017 water quality report for the Searchlight Water System. The updated summary assessment may be accessed online at lvwwd.com.

Detailed information pertaining to the findings of the source water assessment is available for viewing in person Monday-Thursday, by appointment, at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 S. Valley View Blvd. Please call 702-258-3215 for an appointment. Learn more about the Nevada Source Water Assessment Program at ndep.nv.gov/water/source-water-protection.

TREATMENT AND TESTING

Because Searchlight’s water supply is protected within the principal groundwater aquifer, it does not require the level of treatment associated with surface water sources. However, water quality is closely monitored. Once pumped from the principal aquifer, the water is disinfected using sodium hypochlorite. When water from Well S-2 is drawn, it also is treated for arsenic removal by a treatment plant located at the well to ensure compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act standards.

Every month, water samples from Searchlight’s water system are collected and analyzed. The Water District monitors in accordance with all Safe Drinking Water Act requirements.

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ABOUT YOUR SOURCE WATER

2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Searchlight Water System

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WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS

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| Alpha Particles         | pCi/L| 15              | 0                | Entry Point Monitoring Only | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    | 10 (1) | 10 (2) | N/A    | N/A    | Erosion of natural deposits of certain minerals that are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation.
| Arsenic                | ppb  | 10              | 0                | Entry Point Monitoring Only | 1      | 8      | 8 (3)  | 1      | 1      | 6       | 6       | Erosion of natural deposits.
| Barium                 | ppm  | 2               | 2                | Entry Point Monitoring Only | N/D    | N/D    | N/A    | 0.04   | 0.04   | N/D    | N/D    | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; discharge of drilling wastes.
| Chromium (Total)       | ppm  | 100             | 100              | Entry Point Monitoring Only | 43     | 43     | N/A    | 20     | 20     | N/A    | Erosion of natural deposits.
| Copper (4)            | ppm  | 1.3 (Action Level) | 1.3  | N/D (3) | 0.1 (5) (50th percentile value) | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | 20% | 20% | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
| Fluoride              | ppm  | 4.0             | 4.0              | Entry Point Monitoring Only | 1.0    | 1.0    | 1.0    | 0.7    | 0.7    | 0.9     | 0.9     | Erosion of natural deposits.
| Free Chlorine Residual | ppm  | 4.0 (1) (MRDL) | 4.0 (1) (MRDL)  | 0.4     | 1.0    | 0.8 (3) | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Water additive used to control microbes.
| Haloacetic Acids      | ppm  | 60              | N/A (1)         | 2       | 2      | N/A    | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | By-product of drinking-water disinfection.
| Lead (4)             | ppm  | 15 (Action Level) | 15              | N/D (3) | 0.5 (4) | 0.4 (5) (50th percentile value) | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
| Nitrate (as Nitrogen) | ppm  | 10              | 10               | Entry Point Monitoring Only | 3.6    | 3.6    | N/A    | 3.7    | 3.7    | 2.8     | 2.8     | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
| Selenium              | ppm  | 50              | 50               | Entry Point Monitoring Only | 1      | 1      | N/A    | 12     | 12     | 2       | 2       | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines; component of petroleum.
| Total Trihalomethanes | ppm  | 80              | N/A (1)         | 15      | 15     | N/A    | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | Distribution System Monitoring Only | By-product of drinking-water disinfection.
| Uranium               | ppm  | 30              | 0                | Entry Point Monitoring Only | 8      | 8      | N/A    | 6      | 6      | 5       | 5       | Erosion of natural deposits.

FOOTNOTES: (1) Some Drinking Water Act (SDWA) regulations require monitoring in the distribution system, while other SDWA regulations require monitoring at the entry points to the distribution system (Treatment Plant, Wells, and Customer Service). (2) Annual testing not required. Data from 2018. (3) This value is the highest running annual average reported in 2019. Reports are filed quarterly. (4) Samples are from Searchlight customers’ taps. (5) Lead and copper are regulated by a Treatment Technique that requires systems to control the concentration of these contaminants. A complete analysis report is available through the Water District at lvwvd.com.

KEY TERMS
- Action Level: The concentration of contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- Disinfection by-product: A substance created by the chemicals or processes used to destroy pathogens or microbes.
- 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 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 disinfecting agent 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.

UNDERSTANDING TEST RESULTS
The Las Vegas Valley Water District tests for more than 100 regulated and unregulated substances. As required by the Safe Drinking Water Act, the test results above for Searchlight list those regulated contaminants with primary standards that were detected. A complete analysis report is available through the Water District at lvwvd.com.

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 EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 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, other contaminants, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source (untreated) water include:
- **Microbial contaminants** such as viruses and bacteria that may come from septic systems and wildlife;
- **Inorganic contaminants** such as salts and metals that can be naturally occurring or result from urban runoff, septic systems, industrial wastewater discharges and mining;
- **Pesticides and herbicides** that may come from a variety of sources such as urban runoff and residential uses;
- **Organic chemical contaminants** including synthetic or volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and can come from gas stations, urban runoff and septic systems;
- **Radioactive contaminants** that can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activities.

To ensure tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration establishes limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide similar protection for public health.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF ARSENIC
While your drinking water has low levels of arsenic, it is within the EPA’s standard limits. 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.