

**90th Percentile:** Out of every 10 homes sampled, 9 were at or below this level.

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

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

**Umesh/cm:** Measure of conductivity (radiation).  
**PCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).  
**PPT:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L).  
**PPB:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L).  
**PPM:** parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L).

**ND:** Not detectable at testing limit.  
SDWSs do not affect the health of the MCL levels.

MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with MCLs for monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment regulations.

**Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS):** MCLs for monitoring that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the MCLs (or MCLGs) as is economically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest MCLs for monitoring that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set to allow a margin of safety to health. MCLs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

**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 are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

**Public Health Goal (PHG):** The level of contamination that is known to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

## TABLE DEFINITIONS



### City Wells

The City of Dinuba currently has 8 active ground water wells 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. The Wells are located within the city limits, three wells are located in the northwest side of town, three in the southeast, and two in the southwest side. When a well is out of compliance with State drinking water standards it will be taken out of the City's water distribution system. The City has taken some wells out of the system because of problems with chemical contamination (DBCP, MTBE and Nitrates). Two of these Wells are now being used for irrigation. Three other wells are inactive and the remaining wells have been destroyed.

### For Customers with Special Health Concerns

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 of infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. U.S. EPA/CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infections by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### Questions & Answers

#### Is bottled water safer than tap water?

Both tap water and bottled water must meet strict water quality standards, but tap water is subject to more frequent testing and higher reporting standards. Bottled water is not better quality than what comes out of your tap.

For more info about contaminants & potential health effects call the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791

We encourage our customers to help in our efforts to prevent water pollution and protect our water resources from contamination.

All reports are available for viewing at our Public Works Department, 1088 E. Kamm Avenue. You may request a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting Ismael Hernandez, P.W. Supervisor at (559)

• Known contaminant plumes and irrigated crops.

• Irrigation (associated with contaminants detected in the following areas, septic systems, agricultural dumping, sewer collection sys-

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tems), and irrigation wells.

• Automobile - repair shops, body shops, gas sta-

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