

# ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2021

KENT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
DIVISION OF  
WATER & WASTEWATER

KENNEDYVILLE WATER SYSTEM

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We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for 2021. The purpose of this report is to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our goal is to provide you, the customer, 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 and that we are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

The water sources for the *Kennedyville* water system are two (2) groundwater wells, which draw water from the *Monmouth Aquifer*. One well is located at the Kennedyville water treatment plant site, the other well is located at the Fire Department on Kennedyville Road. The well water is treated by pH adjustment, filtration and disinfection processes.

After treatment, the water is stored in a 75,000-gallon water tower, which is located at the Kennedyville Water Treatment Plant site. The water tower enhances domestic pressure and adds volume for fire suppression purposes.

The Maryland Department of the Environment has performed a source water assessment of the Kennedyville wells, which included a review of water quality data, potential sources of contamination, aquifer characteristics, and well integrity. It was determined from the evaluation that the Kennedyville water supply is not susceptible to microbiological, inorganic, volatile organic or radiological contaminants. The treated water from the Kennedyville water plant undergoes regular analysis for many different compounds and consistently meets all State and Federal requirements.

A copy of the report is available online at [www.mde.maryland.gov](http://www.mde.maryland.gov) the Public Works Department at 709 Morgne Rd., Chestertown, MD 21620 and on the Kent County web site at <https://www.kentcounty.com/water/reports>.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. *Immune-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)

Drinking water, including bottled water, may contain at least small amounts of some compounds. The presence of these compounds does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. To obtain more information call the EPA's *Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline (1-800-426-4791)*.

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants detected during the sampling required by the Maryland Department of the Environment. The presence of these compounds in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In this report, you will find many terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. The following definitions explain these terms.

- ◆ **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG’s allow for a margin of safety.
- ◆ **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant that allowable in drinking water, MCL’s are set as close to the MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- ◆ **Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG)** – 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 contaminants.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Turbidity** – Relates to a condition where suspended particles are present in the water. Turbidity measurements are a way to describe the level of “cloudiness” of the water.
- ◆ **Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)** – Units of measurement used to report the level of turbidity or “cloudiness” in the water.
- ◆ **pCi/l** – Picocuries per liter-a measure of radiation.
- ◆ **ppb** – parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ◆ **ppm** – parts per million or milligrams per liter
- ◆ **Avg** – Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

## Regulated Contaminants

<b>Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</b>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Chlorine</b>	2021	0.8	0.6 - 0.8	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
<b>Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)</b>	08/11/2020	4.2	4.2 - 4.2	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)</b>	08/11/2020	15.8	15.8 - 15.8	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Barium</b>	2021	0.3566	0.3566 - 0.3566	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Chromium</b>	2021	7.6	7.6 - 7.6	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Fluoride</b>	2021	0.5	0.5 - 0.5	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

Note: Test results are for year 2021 unless otherwise noted; not all tests are required annually.

***Security Statement:*** Water system security continues to be an enormously important issue. If you notice suspicious activities in or around local water utilities, such as persons cutting or climbing facility fencing, loitering, tampering with equipment or other similar activities, please contact your local law enforcement agency immediately by dialing 911.

***Water Conservation:*** The Department encourages all consumers to practice conservation on a routine basis, and to report any major leaks, or needed repairs to the Department as soon as possible.

***Lead Statement (Not Present):*** If present, elevated levels of 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 Kent County Department of Public Works Division of Water and Wastewater Service is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot 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 water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking 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 the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

If you should have any questions regarding this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Kent County Department of Public Works Division of Water and Wastewater Services, at 410-778-3287. In addition, any resident may obtain a copy of this report at the main office Monday thru Friday during normal business hours or on the internet at <https://www.kentcounty.com/water/reports>.

**PFAS – short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances** – refers to a large group of more than 4,000 human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams. These uses of PFAS have led to PFAS entering our environment, where they have been measured by several states in soil, surface water, groundwater and seafood. Some PFAS can last a long time in the environment and in the human body and can accumulate in the food chain.

Currently, there are no federal regulations (i.e. Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)) for PFAS in drinking water. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a Health Advisory Level (HAL) of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for the sum of PFOA and PFOS concentrations in drinking water. While not an enforceable regulatory standard, when followed, the EPA HAL does provide drinking water customers, even the most sensitive populations, with a margin of protection from lifetime exposure to PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. Beginning in 2020, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) initiated a PFAS monitoring program. The combined PFOA and PFOS concentration from samples taken from our water system was below the detection limit. MDE anticipates that EPA will establish an MCL for PFOA and PFOS in the near future. This would entail additional monitoring. Additional information about PFAS can be found on the MDE website: [mde.maryland.gov](http://mde.maryland.gov).

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PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) ANALYTICAL RESULTS  
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Analyte	KENNEDYVILLE WELL 1 (@ VFD) KE670132	KENNEDYVILLE WELL 2 (@ WTP) KE920136
11Cl-PF3OUdS	ND	ND
ADONA	ND	ND
9Cl-PF3ONS	ND	ND
HFPO-DA	ND	ND
N-EtFOSAA	ND	ND
N-MeFOSAA	ND	ND
PFBS	ND	ND
PFDA	ND	ND
PFDoA	ND	ND
PFHpA	ND	ND
PFHxS	ND	ND
PFHxA	ND	ND
PFNA	ND	ND
PFOS	ND	ND
PFOA	ND	ND
PFTA	ND	ND
PFTTrDA	ND	ND
PFUnDA	ND	ND
Total PFOA/PFOS	ND	ND

Unfinished groundwater samples were collected on October 27, 2021.  
All results are in parts per trillion (ppt).