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October 18, 2023

Karl Frink City of Brownsville, PWS #4100152 PO Box 188 Brownsville, OR 97327

Re: Water System Survey for City of Brownsville, PWS #4100152

Dear Karl Frink:

Thank you for your time and assistance in conducting a **Water System Survey at the City of Brownsville on September 27th, 2023**. The main purpose of the survey was to evaluate the entire water system in terms of supplying safe drinking water to the public. I have enclosed a copy of the report for your records. Please let me know whether any corrections are needed.

The first page of the report lists significant deficiencies and rule violations in the system that must be corrected as soon as possible. You must submit a written corrective action plan describing how and when the deficiencies and violations will be corrected by December 6th, 2023 (7 weeks from the date of this letter). Once the deficiencies and rule violations are corrected, you must send me written verification of the corrections, including the dates corrections were completed.

If City of Brownsville fails to act within the required time frame, the business must notify all persons served by the water system. A repeat public notice will be required every three months until all deficiencies are corrected, or the business is in compliance with an approved corrective action plan. You must forward a copy of the public notice to Data Management, Compliance, and Enforcement (DMCE) at P.O. Box 14450, Portland, OR 97293-0450. You may also fax the report to 971-673-0694 or email to dwp.dmce@dhsoha.state.or.us.

The Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) significant deficiencies and rule violations noted during the survey are as follows:

1. Per OAR 333-061-0043(1)(a), community water systems must deliver their Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) by July 1, annually. The report must contain data collected during, or prior to, the previous calendar year. The City's CCR has City of Brownsville October 18, 2023 Page **2** of **2** 

not been received since 2020. The City currently has two open violations for this deficiency. Please submit the most current CCR to correct this deficiency.

In addition, I have the following comments and recommendations:

1. Drinking Water Services has established criteria for determining whether a system has demonstrated "outstanding performance." Systems designated Outstanding Performers may have the frequency of their water system surveys reduced from every three years to every five years. Although your water system did not meet the criteria due to the CCR late reporting, please review the enclosed handout to see what steps you can take toward receiving this designation.

A summary of the City of Brownsville's monitoring requirements can be found on page 16. Please maintain a copy of this page and refer to it for future monitoring scheduling.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like the survey report in an alternate format, please contact me at 541-231-9077. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely, Jach

Zach Golik, P.E. Regional Engineer Drinking Water Services

CC: DWS Portland

Enc:

- City of Brownsville Water System Survey Report
- Outstanding Performance Criteria



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# **Deficiency Summary**

Surve	yor:	Zach Golik		
Date	Corre	ctive Action Plan is due: December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	County:	Linn
Yes	No	Significant Deficiencies and Rule Violations:	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
		Source: Well construction:		
	-	Spring/other source:		
		<b>Treatment:</b> <i>Surface water treatment:</i>		
	-	Disinfection:		·
	-	Other treatment:		
		Finished Water Storage:		
		Distribution:		
		Monitoring:		
$\square$		Management & Operations: Consumer Confidence Report not received		
		Operator Certification:		
		Other Rule Violations:		
			onitoring 🗌 Pa	ige:
Comr	nents			



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Source Deficiencies:	$\square \oplus$ Failure to calculate CT values correctly
Well Construction Deficiencies:	$\square \oplus$ No means to adequately determine disinfection
$\square \oplus$ Sanitary seal and casing not watertight	contact time under peak flow and minimum storage conditions
$\Box \oplus$ Does not meet setbacks from hazards	
$\square \oplus$ Wellhead not protected from flooding	UV Disinfection Violations (OAR 333-0050(5)(k)):
$\square \oplus$ No raw water sample tap	+ Bypass around UV system
$\square \oplus$ No treated sample tap (if applicable)	+ Lamp sleeve not cleaned + Lamp not replaced per manufacturer
$\square \oplus$ No screen on existing well vent	$\square$ + No intensity sensor with alarm or shut-off
Spring Source Deficiencies:	
$\square \oplus$ Springbox not impervious durable material	Other Treatment Violations:
$\square \oplus$ No watertight access hatch/entry	<ul> <li>+ Non-NSF approved chemicals - 0087(6)</li> <li>+ Corrosion control parameters not met - 0034</li> </ul>
$\square \oplus$ No screened overflow	
$\square \oplus$ Does not meet setbacks from hazards	Distribution System Violations:
$\square \oplus$ No raw water sample tap	□+ System pressure < 20 psi - <i>0025(7)</i>
$\square \oplus$ No treated sample tap (if applicable)	Cross Connection (OAR 333-061-0070):
Treatment Deficiencies/Violations:	+ No ordinance or enabling authority (CWS)
Surface Water Treatment Deficiencies:	+ Annual Summary Report not issued (CWS)
+ Turbidity standards not met - 0030(3)	<ul> <li>□+ Testing records not current (CWS, NTNC, TNC)</li> <li>□+ No Cross Connection Control Specialist (CWS ≥</li> </ul>
+ Turbidimeters not calibrated per manufacturer or at	300 connections)
least quarterly - 0036(5)(b)(A)(ii)	
$\square \oplus$ Incorrect location for turbidity monitoring	Finished Water Storage Deficiencies:
$\Box \oplus$ If serving > 3,300 people no alarm or auto plant	☐⊕ Hatch not locked or adequately secured
shut off for low chlorine residual	⊕ Roof and access hatch not watertight
+ For conventional or direct filtration: No alarm or	□⊕ No flap valve, screen, or equivalent on drain □⊕ No screened vent
plant shut off for high turbidity	
⊕ For conventional filtration: Settled water not	Monitoring Violations:
measured daily $\Box \oplus \Box$ for convertional or direct filtration. Turbidity profile	+ Monitoring not current - 0025(1)
□⊕ For conventional or direct filtration: Turbidity profile not conducted on individual filters at least quarterly	+ Unaddressed MCL violations or LCR AL exceedances - 0030
$\square \oplus$ For cartridge filtration: Filters not changed	$\square$ + No Coliform Sampling Plan - 0036(6)(a)(l)
according to mfg. rec. pressure differential	
$\square \oplus$ For cartridge filtration: No pressure gauges before	Management & Operations Violations:
and after cartridge filter	<ul> <li>+ No operations and maintenance manual - 0065(4)</li> <li>+ Emergency response plan not completed (CWS,</li> </ul>
+ For membrane filtration: Direct integrity testing	NTNC) - 0064
does not meet requirements under -0036(5)(d)(B)	+ Major modifications not approved (plan review) -
+ For membrane filtration: Indirect integrity testing	0050
does not meet requirements under -0036(5)(d)(C)	□+ Master plan not current (≥ 300 con.) - 0060(5)
$\square \oplus$ For diatomaceous earth filtration: Body feed not	
added with influent flow.	+ PNC or out of compliance with AO
Disinfection Deficiencies/Violations:	+ Public notice not issued as required - 0042
+ DPD/EPA approved method not used - 0036(9)(e)	Operator Certification Violations:
+ Free chlorine residual not maintained - 0032(3/5)	+ No certified operator at required level - 0065(2)
+ Chlorine not measured & recorded - 0036(9)	+ No protocol for under certified operator - 0225(2)
$\square$ + Minimum CT required not met all times - 0032(3/5)	Other Rule Violations:
$\square \oplus$ No means to adequately determine flow rate on	⊕ Significant deficiency per OAR 333-061-0076
contact chamber effluent line + pH, Temperature, and chlorine residual not	+ Rule violation per OAR 333-061-XXX
measured daily at first user - 0036(5)(a/b)	



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## **Inventory and Narrative**

Outstand	ing Perform	er									
Туре:				Status	Size	e S	Season:		/ear		Seasonal
	nt Non-Commur			Population:	1,90	(mm/dd)					
Oregon Very	n-Community (1 Small (OVS)	NC)		Connections:	837	,	Ends: (mm/dd)			/	
License:		Not Lic.	Healt	h Dept. 🗌 Ag	Servio	ce Ar	ea Char	acteris	stics	<b>):</b>	MU
Responsible	<u> </u>	State 🛛	Cour	nty 🗌 Ag	Owne	r Typ	be:				4
Minimum WS Requirements		WD: 2	WT	ſ: 1 □ FE			🗌 Sma	II WS			] N/A
For changes i	n operations	staff conta	ct Opera	ator Certifica	tion: <mark>dw</mark>	/s.op	cert@od	hsoha.	oreg	<u>jon.</u>	<u>yov</u>
Primary Adm	inistrative C	Contact (m	ailing a	ddress):		I					
Contact Name:	Karl Frink				Phone:	(541	1) 466-33	881			
Title: Public W	/orks Superir	ntendent			Cell: (	541)	409-370	0			
Street Address:	P.O. Box 18	8			Emerge		: (541) 4	09-370	00		
City/State/Zip:	Brownsville,	OR 97327			Email:		public works@ci.brownsville.or.us			.us	
Center of Ser	rvice Area (f	or public r	naps):								
decimal degrees (e.g., 45.894357 or address		44.391617	', <b>-</b> 122.9	983277							
Legal/Owner	/Secondary	Contact (o	ptional	/not entered	l in SD\	NIS):					
Contact Name:	Scott McDov	well			Phone:	(541	1) 466-58	880			
Title: City Adn	ninistrator				Cell: (		)				
Street Address:	255 North M	lain St.			Emergency #: ( )						
City/State/Zip:	Brownsville,	OR. 97327	7		Email:	Email: admin@brownsville.or.us			S		
System Phys	ical Addres	s (optiona	l/not en	itered in SD	WIS):	1					
Contact Name:					1		1) 466-33				
Title: Water T	reatment Pla	nt			Cell: (	541)	409-370	0			
Street Address:	eet Address: 200 Park Avenue				Emergency #: (541) 409-3700						
City/State/Zip:	Brownsville,		7		Email:	pub	licworks(	@ci.bro	wns	sville	e.or.us
Emergency S	Systems Ava	illable:				DWO		4			
Name:						PWS	5 ID#: 4	1			
Narrative:											
Water sources 400 feet from tl		•									

400 feet from the river. The infiltration gallery is primarily used during the summer and the wells primarily in the winter, when river turbidity is too high. Water from both sources are treated at the water treatment plant nearby. The treatment includes 3 slow sand filtration. Disinfection is accomplished with sodium hypochlorite added to the chlorine contact chamber and clearwell for contact time. Along with corrosion control by adding soda ash. Treated water is pumped up to two storage reservoirs, one 1.1 MGal and one 0.25 MGal, both which gravity feed the distribution system.



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Service area characteristic and owner type codes:

Service Area Characteristics						
Primary	Secondary	CODE				
	City or Town	MU				
	Mobile Home Park	MP				
ntial	Subdivision	SU				
Residentia	Rural	RA				
	Other	OR				
t t	Recreation (parks, campground, beaches, ski areas, marinas)	ΡΑ				
ransient	Service Station	SS				
ns	Summer Camp	SK				
Ira	Restaurant/Store	RS				
•	Highway Rest Area	HR				
	Hotel/Motel, B&B	НМ				
	Other (visitor ctr, church)	ОТ				
	School	SC				
	Institution	IN				
lon	Medical Facility	MF				
Non-Transient Non- Community	Industrial/Agricultural	IA				
lor	Day Care Center	DC				
~	Other	OA				
	Interstate Carrier	IC				
Ľ	Wholesaler (sells water)	WH				
Othe	Other Area	ОТ				

Determining System Type								
Population/ Daily Use	Number of Connections	>25 Same Daily Users	≥25 Year Round Residents	System Type				
<10	<4	No	No	Not a System				
10 – 24	4-14	_	_	Oregon Very Small				
25+	-	No	No	Transient Non- Community				
25+	-	Yes	No	Non- Transient Non- Community				
25+	15+	Yes	Yes	Community				

Coliform Bacteria Sampling							
Community systems	Monthly samples based on population*						
Non- Transient, Transient,	Ground populatio		Surface water				
Oregon Very Small Systems	regon >1000 ry Small ≤1000 Monthly		Monthly sampling based on population*				
Non- Community systems operating seasonally	Monthly samples based on population*						

Owner Type	Code	* Population	Samplas par month
Federal Government	1	* Population	Samples per month
Private	2	Up to 1,000	1
State Government	3	1,001 to 2,500	2
Local Government	4	2,501 to 3,300	3
Mixed Public/Private	5	etc.	See rules or call DWS



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## **Source Information**

ID	Entry Points (Location where water enters	Source Type (Ground, Surface, GWUDI,	Availability (Permanent, Seasonal*, Em					
	distribution and is sampled)	Purchased ground, Purchased surface)			Beg (M/E		En (M/	
Α	EP for SSF/WTP	GWUDI	Pe	rmanent				
	Sources (Contributing to		Capacity (GPM)	Source Type (Ground, Surface, GWU	וחו		<b>ailabi</b> anent, Se	asonal,
ID	Entry Point)	Land Use*		Purchased ground, Purch surface)		Emerge	ncy, Aba sconnect	
ID AA		B,C,G,M	380	Purchased ground, Purch		Emerge Dis		ed)
	Entry Point)			Purchased ground, Purch surface)		Emerge Dis Pe	sconnect	ed) ent
AA	Entry Point) Calapooia River IG	B,C,G,M	380	Purchased ground, Purch surface) GWUDI		Emerge Dis Pe	sconnecto ermane	ed) ent ent
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Yes No

Has the water system implemented strategies to protect their drinking water sources? (e.g., posting source area signs, notifying residents of hazardous waste collection events, provide residents information about maintaining their septic systems, abandoning unused wells, etc.)

□ Is the water system interested in protecting their drinking water sources from contamination? If yes, contact regional geologist at 971-673-0405.

#### Comments:

River water source is an infiltration gallery that is only useable in summer. In winter when the river water turbidity is too high, the wells are used as the other water source.

The source is threatened as the river bank erodes downstream, effecting water flow and turbidity. Critical infrastructure has already been impacted. Since the last Drinking Water Survey the 10 inch drinking water main across the Calapooia river has broke due to changes in water flow and been repaired.



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Well Information											
Source ID#: SRC-	AB	A	С	A	D	A	E				
Source Name:	Well "B"	Well	"C"	Wel	"D"	Wel	"E"				
Well log available?*	X N		N		🗌 N	×Ν	🗌 N	□ Y	🗌 N	□ Y	🗌 N
Well log ID (e.g., COLU123, L12345)	LINN11992			LINN1		LINN4	4612				
<ul> <li>Well active?</li></ul>	Yes         No           Image: Constraint of the second	Yes		Yes		Yes					
DISTANCE (ft.):											
Protective housing?	$\boxtimes$	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
If yes, does it have: Heat? Light? Floor drain? Well pump removal provision? Pump Type: (vertical turbine, submersible, centrifugal, shallow jet, deep jet)	□ ⊠ □ ⊠ □ ⊠ ⊠ □ Sub.	L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L	⊠ ⊠ □ b.	St	⊠ ⊠⊠ □	   	⊠ ⊠ □				
Bearing lubrication: (oil, or water) Pumping capacity (gpm) *If no well log available, record any knowr	Water 75	Wa 50	)	Wa 5	0	Wa 5	0			notolla	tion

or casing diameter in the comments section below.

## Comments:

Please work the Oregon Water Resource Department (OWRD) to locate and/or have a well log created for Well "C". The OWRD Well Verification Program assist with locating and/or creating a well log number. It is encouraged to have the OWRD program install identification bands on all wells in use. The contact for this program Ladeena Ashley (Ladeena.K.Ashley@water.oregon.gov) at 971-287-8218.



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# Potential Sanitary Hazards

(From OAR 333-061-0050(2)(a)(E))

The following sanitary hazards are not allowed within 100 feet of a well or spring:

- Any existing or proposed pit privy
- Subsurface sewage disposal drain field
- Cesspool
- Solid Waste disposal site
- Pressure sewer line
- Buried fuel storage tank
- Animal yard, feedlot, or animal waste storage
- Untreated storm water or gray water disposal
- Chemical (including solvent, pesticides, and fertilizers)storage, usage, or application)
- Fuel transfer or storage
- Mineral resource extraction
- Vehicle or machinery maintenance or long term storage
- Junk / auto / scrap yard
- Cemetery
- Unapproved well
- Well that has not been properly abandoned or of unknown or suspect construction
- Source of pathogenic organisms
- Any other similar public health hazards

The following are not allowed within 50 feet of a well or spring:

- Gravity sewer line
- Septic Tank

Exemptions to these setbacks must be listed and documented within the plan approval letter and in an approved construction waiver standard.

If a surface water source is located within 500 feet of a well or spring, please note the water body name and the distance to the well or spring. All groundwater sources within 500 feet to a surface water source should be considered for potential surface water influence. Check the file for correspondence. If a review has been done indicate results in comment section. If not, contact DWS at 971-673-0405.



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# Alternative Technology Treatment Plant Inspection

Zach Golik

<b>WTP</b>	inspection	done	with	Water	System	Survey
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WTP inspection only

WTP ID: 41 00152 WTP Name:

TP for river and wells

Date of inspection: <u>8/9/2023</u> Plant operator: Karl Frink

Total points given:

Points	Visit Frequency	Check One
Low range (0-15)	With next survey	
Mid-range (16-25)	Annually	
High range (26 or more)	Every 6 months	

#### **Comments:**

The water plant appeared clean, organized and generally well run.

Inspected by:

#### Source:

Describe Intake:	Infiltration Gallery perforated pipe is gravity fed to pump station raw wate	in base of Calapooia River, flows to manhole, then er is pumped to the plant.
Describe pumping facilities:	Two 15-hp and one 30-hp pump	S
Watershed control information (protect	ction plan, security measures, etc.):	Water system alternates source for lowest seasonal turbidity.
Factors affecting water quality (algal	olooms, logging, etc.):	Natural erosion, development, climate change
Treatment:		

Cartridge or bag filter make/model:								
Slow sa	🛛 Slow sand filter 🔲 Diatomaceous earth 🖾 Corrosion control							
Other 1	treatment	_		Describe:				
Peak plant	t production rate:	(gpm):	400	Comments:				
Log remov	val credit given: C	Giardia:	2.0	Crypto:	2.0	Date:		
Treatment Plant: Yes No						if no, check points		
	Is raw water turbidity data c	ollected	at least daily	? 🛛 On-line	Bench-top		☐ 3 pts	
<ul> <li>Are turbidity compliance standards met? (&lt;1 NTU 95% of time; all &lt; 5 NTU)</li> <li>Is CFE monitoring location acceptable (prior to any storage)?</li> <li>Can chart recorder document turbidity &gt; 5.5 NTU?</li> </ul>						☐ 10 pts ☐ 5 pts		
<ul> <li>Are turbidimeters calibrated according to factory specifications or at least quarterly?</li> <li>Are calibration standards valid (not expired)?</li> <li>Is flow through turbidimeter within manufacturer's range?</li> <li>Water system has installed ne Lovibond brand online turbidimeters, model PTV 1000.</li> </ul>						🔲 5 pts		

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/ Yes No	Alternative Treatment Plant Continued:		<b>WTP</b> - <u>А</u>	lf no, check points
	<ul> <li>Are CT's calculated correctly?</li> <li>Is contact time based on tracer study or a</li> <li>pH, temperature and chlorine residual me</li> <li>Is there a flow meter on effluent side of clear</li> </ul>	asured at or before 1 <sup>st</sup> user?	describe)?	☐ 10 pts
	<ul> <li>Is corrosion control practiced?</li> <li>Is it operated within parameters set by DV Describe method of corrosion control used</li> </ul>			☐ 5 pts
	Do all under-certified operators follow a w DRC?	ritten decision-making protocol a	as established by	☐ 5 pts
	<ul> <li>Are standard plant operating procedures v</li> </ul>	written and followed?		☐ 5 pts
	Are operators on site during all hours of pla If no, is there an alarm for low EP chlori Alarm Auto-dial at what #?	ne and high CFE turbidity? (> 3 Plant shutdown at what #?	Verified? (yes/no)	☐ 5 pts
	High turbidity1.0NTULow chlorine0.2mg/LComments:	None NTU None mg/L	No No	_
	dge Filtration: ⊠ N/A ● Pressure gauges before/after filter(s)	Type of pre-filtration:		
	<ul> <li>Are filters changed according to manufact At what psid/flow/etc.?</li> </ul>	turer (e.g., pressure differential (	psid))?	☐ 30 pts
	: N/A Scraping/cleaning/ripe ately 1 foot of head loss initiates hand sc s remain active through maintenance.	• •	bed. Two out of	
<b>DE</b> : N/	A Pre-coat process used? Describe: ● Is body feed added with influent flow? Is DE discarded at end of filter run?			_
			Total Points	\$
NTU alarm	n <b>ts:</b> /stem reports 0.2 mg/L low chlorine alarr n (after clearwell) – all instantaneously tr fluent weirs on each bed are auto-contro	iggered with auto-dial to oper	ators (no remote pla	



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## Disinfection

		Bioimootion					
No #	<b>Disinfection Method</b> (Chlorine Gas, Sodium Hypochlorite, On-site Generated Sodium Hypochlorite, Calcium Hypochlorite, Chloramines, Ozone, UV, Mixed Oxidants, Other)	Location	Disinfection Source Water	Residual Maintenance	Other Purpose	Proportional to Flow	Dosage Recorded
1	Sodium Hypochlorite	WTP-Effluent Weir Box					
Yes N	_						
	<ul> <li>Is a DPD or other EPA approved met</li> <li>NSF 60/61 certified (or equivalent)?</li> <li>Are entry point residuals recorded at</li> <li>Is entry point residual monitoring cont</li> <li>Are distribution residuals recorded at Are on-line chlorine analyzers verified</li> </ul>	least once per day (SWTR, GWF tinuous if population > 3,300 (SW least twice weekly?	/TR, GW	R 4-lo	g)? ⊠N/A		
							;?
	Yes No       UV ⊠ N/A         □       ● Does all water contact UV (no bypass)?         □       ● Is lamp sleeve cleaned?         □       ● Is lamp replaced per manufacturer?         □       ● Intensity sensor with alarm or shut-off?						
	luation for disinfection	v) 0.5 log inactivation Giardia	🖂 (sw	) 1.0 lo	og inactivation	Giardia	1
Yes N	Disinfection Requirement:						
	• Does the contact chamber have efflue	·	ative?				
	If no, how is peak flow determined for CT calculations?						
	Adequate alternate method for contact time? Describe:						
Peak ho	Peak hour demand flow over the past 12 months: gpm = <u>427</u>						
Lowest	Lowest operating volume over the past 12 months: gallons = <u>Unk.</u>						
Yes No         Is tracer study still valid?         (SW only) Are pH, temp, and chlorine residual measured daily before or at the first user?         Are CT values being calculated correctly (Describe how contact time is determined, below)?         Are CT values met at all times (SWTR, GWR 4-log)?							
Comments:							

The water system does appear it is regularly needing exceeding the peak hourly flow demand reflected in its tracer study during summer months. Although the actual peak flow exceedance do not appear to have exceeded 10% of the tested tracer study, it is recommeded to the City of Brownsville perform a new tracer study at its need peak hourly flow.



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## Treatment

Process Used*	Chemical Added**	Purpose	Location in System	Code***
Particulate Removal	N/A	Filtration	Slow Sand	P346
Hypochlorination, Post	Sodium Hypochlorite	Disinfection SW/GWUDI	Pre-clearwell	D421
PH/Alkalinity Adjustment	Soda ash	Corrosion Control	Pre-clearwell	C502

\*See "Treatment Plant Inspection" page for details on filtration. \*\*See "Disinfection" page for details on disinfection equipment. \*\*\*See Treatment Codes on back.

 Yes
 No

 Is treatment the same as last survey? (if no, explain in comments)

 Is lab equipment for on-site analysis appropriate?

 Is equipment maintained properly?

 Is redundant equipment available?

 Are chemicals NSF Standard 60 certified or equivalent? ([N/A - no chemicals are used)

 If bypass piping is present, is there a physical separation? (SWTR, GWR 4-log, chemical MCL) [N/A

 Does system practice corrosion control?

 Is corrosion control operated within parameters set by DWS? [N/A

 Describe method of corrosion control (if applicable)

#### **Records Kept:**

′es / No		Yes / No	
$\square$	Dosages	$\boxtimes$ $\Box$	Flowrate
$\square$	Raw pH	$\boxtimes$	Treated pH
$\square$	Raw temperature	$\boxtimes$ $\Box$	Treated temperature
$\square$	Raw turbidity and/or particle counts	$\square$	Treated turbidity

#### Comments:

Water system treatments are the same as the 2020 water system sanitary survey.



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## **Treatment Codes:**

Disinf	ection By-products Control
B121	Activated Carbon, Granular
B125	Activated Carbon, Powdered
B200	Chloramines
B220	Chlorine Dioxide
B240	Coagulation
B344	Filtration, Pressure Sand
B500	Lime-Soda Ash Addition
B600	Rapid Mix
B742	pH Adjustment, Pre
EP240	Enhanced Coagulation (BEP240)
ES240	Enhanced Softening (BES240)

#### Disinfection for Surface Water/GWUDI

- D200 Chloramines D220 Chlorine Dioxide D401 Gaseous Chlorination, Post D403 Gaseous Chlorination, Pre D421 Hypochlorination, Post D423 Hypochlorination, Pre D455 Iodine D541 Ozonation, Post D543 Ozonation. Pre D720 Validated Ultraviolet Radiation D800 Mixed Oxidants, Post
- D802 Mixed Oxidants, Pre

#### Disinfection or Residual Maintenance/Other for Groundwater (ZX200, ZX401, etc.)

- D361 GWR 4-log Virus Compliance Mon Z361 Interim 4-log Virus Compliance Mon X200 Residual Maintenance, Chloramines X401 Residual Maintenance, Gas Chlorination X421 Residual Maintenance, Hypochlorination
- X455 Residual Maintenance, Iodine
- X541 Residual Maintenance, Ozonation
- X800 Residual Maintenance, Mixed Oxidants
- X720 NSF-55 Class A Ultraviolet Radiation

#### Dechlorination

E121 Activated Carbon, Granular

E627 Reducing Agent, Sulfur Dioxide

#### **Corrosion Control**

- C143 Aeration, Diffused C145 Aeration, Packed Tower C441 Inhibitor, Bimetallic Phosphate C443 Inhibitor, Hexametaphosphate C445 Inhibitor, Orthophosphate C447 Inhibitor, Ortho-Polyphosphate Blend C449 Inhibitor, Silicate C501 pH/Alkalinity Adjustment-Lime C502 pH/Alkalinity Adjustment-Soda Ash C503 pH/Alkalinity Adjustment-Caustic Soda C504 pH/Alkalinity Adjustment-Sodium Bicarb. C505 pH/Alkalinity Adjustment, Calcite Contactor C506 Calcium Carbonate Precipitation C507 pH/Alkalinity Adjustment-CO2 C550 Plumbing Replacement
- CBLEND Blending for Dilution

#### Inorganics Removal (excluding As/Mn/Fe)

- 1344 Filtration, Pressure Sand 1460 Ion Exchange 1640 Reverse Osmosis 1999 Blending for Dilution Arsenic (As) Removal A100 Activated Alumina A240 Coagulation A320 Electrodialysis A343 Filtration, Greensand A344 Pyrolusite Filter A347 Membrane Filtration A423 Hypochlorination - arsenic A460 Ion Exchange A500 Lime Softening A640 Reverse Osmosis A742 PH Adjustment Pre - arsenic
- A900 Granular Ferric Hydroxide A902 Ferric Chloride Coagulation - arsenic
- ABLND Blend for dilution of arsenic

#### Iron (Fe) Removal

F143	Aeration, Diffused
F240	Coagulation
F341	Filtration, Cartridge
F343	Filtration, Greensand
F344	Filtration, Pressure Sand
F345	Filtration, Rapid Sand
F403	Gaseous Chlorination, Pre
F421	Hypochlorination, Post
F423	Hypochlorination, Pre
F460	Ion Exchange
F506	Calcium Carbonate Precipitation
F543	Ozonation, Pre
F560	Permanganate
F640	Reverse Osmosis
F660	Sedimentation
F680	Sequestration
F740	pH Adjustment

#### Manganese (Mn) Removal

M343 Filtration, Greensand M403 Gaseous Chlorination, Pre M423 Hypochlorination, Pre M560 Permanganate M680 Sequestration

#### Radionuclides

R147 Aeration, Slat Tray

#### Other

- Z200 Chloramines Z380 Fluoridation Z551 Public Education for L/C
- Z580 Peroxide
- Z720 Other Ultraviolet Radiation ZC125 Pwd. Act. Carbon (PAC) for
  - Cyanotoxins
- ZN520 Groundwater Filter/Strainer

#### "Non-Treatment" (ZN000, etc.)

N000 No Treatment / Not Applicable N349 Unfiltered, Avoiding Filtration N350 Unfiltered, Must Install Filter N996 Treatment Applied by Seller

#### **Organics Removal**

0121	Activated Carbon, Granular
	Aeration, Packed Tower
O160	Algae Control
O423	Hypochlorination, Pre
O560	Permanganate
O640	Reverse Osmosis
0742	pH Adjustment, Pre
O999	Blending for Dilution

#### Filtration for SW or GWUDI

P240	Coagulation
P341	Filtration, Cartridge
P342	Filtration, Diatomaceous Earth
P344	Filtration, Pressure Sand
P345	Filtration, Rapid Sand
P346	Filtration, Slow Sand
P347	Filtration, Ultrafiltration
P349	Filtration, Microfiltration
P360	Flocculation
P520	Microscreening
P600	Rapid Mix
P660	Sedimentation
P700	Sludge Treatment
P742	Ph Adjustment, Pre
PP349	Natural Filtration

#### Softening (Hardness Removal)

S240 Coagulation S344 Filtration, Pressure Sand S360 Flocculation S460 Ion Exchange S500 Lime - Soda Ash Addition S640 Reverse Osmosis S680 Sequestration

#### **Taste/Odor Control**

T121 Activated Carbon, Granular T125 Activated Carbon, Powdered T141 Aeration, Cascade T143 Aeration, Diffused T149 Aeration, Spray T160 Algae Control T343 Filtration, Greensand T403 Gaseous Chlorination, Pre T421 Hypochlorination, Post T423 Hypochlorination, Pre T506 Calcium Carbonate Precip. D541 Ozonation, Post D543 Ozonation, Pre T560 Permanganate T580 Peroxide T720 Ultraviolet Radiation



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## **Storage and Pressure Tanks**

Number	Name	(G)rou	<b>nk Ty</b>   nd, (E)le ?)ressur	evated,	(Co	ncrete, S wood, P Other)	Steel,	Ye Bu	ar Iilt	Volu (ga	
1	Clearwell	Grour			Conc	rete		1	998	0.037	
2	New Reservoir	Grour	ld		Conc	rete		1	998	1.1	MG
3	Old Reservoir	Grour	ld		Conc	rete		1	940	0.25	MG
					То	t <u>al Vo</u>	olume:				
	Reservoir Number:	1			2		3				
R	eservoir Features	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	N
	Fence/gate?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
	Hatch secured (e.g. locked, bolted, etc.)?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
•	• All tank access points watertight?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
•	Screened vent?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
	Overflow?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
•	• Overflow protected (screen/flap/valve)?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
	Drain to daylight?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
	Water level gauge?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
	Bypass piping? (● if used for contact time)		$\square$	$\square$		$\square$					
	Alarm for high or low levels?	$\square$		$\boxtimes$		$\boxtimes$					
	Separate inlet/outlet?	$\square$			$\boxtimes$		$\boxtimes$				
	Approved interior coating?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
	Exterior in good condition?	$\square$		$\square$			$\boxtimes$				
	Annual interior/exterior inspection?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
	Cleaning schedule?	$\square$		$\square$		$\square$					
	Continuously disinfected? ( • post '81 redwood)	$\square$		$\boxtimes$		$\boxtimes$					
Р	ressure Tanks										
	Accessible for maintenance?										
	Bypass piping?										
	Drain?										
	Pressure relief device?										
	Air bladder/diaphragm?										
	Valve for adding air?										
Comme	ents										
The old reservoir (reservoir 3) still has minimum leaks through it sidewalls. The floor manholes to											
the clear well have rubber gaskets installed making them water tight.											



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# **Distribution System Information**

Serv	vice A	rea and Facility Map						
Yes	No	☑ Treatment facilities       ☑ Pres         ☑ Storage facilities (reservoirs)       ☑ Pres	y map (indicate features on map): irces-wells & withdrawal points ssure zones ssure regulating valves ister pumps					
Dist	ributi	on Data						
Yes	No		Comments					
$\boxtimes$		● System pressure ≥ 20 psi?						
	$\boxtimes$	Water system leakage <10%?	~18%, leakage areas known					
$\boxtimes$		Hydrants or blowoffs on all dead ends? 🔲 N/A						
$\boxtimes$		Routine flushing? (How often)	~every 2 years					
$\boxtimes$		Adequate valving?						
$\boxtimes$		Routine valve turning? (How often)	~every 3-4 years					
$\boxtimes$		Does the distribution system have asbestos cement (AC) pi	pe? roughly 500 feet					
		If yes, verify asbestos sampling is completed on Water Qua						
Cros	Cross Connection Control (CW/S_NTNC_and TNC)							

## Cross Connection Control (CWS, NTNC, and TNC)

Yes	No	N/A		Comments
$\boxtimes$			<ul> <li>Assemblies tested annually? (CWS, NTNC, TNC)</li> </ul>	
$\boxtimes$			<ul> <li>Ordinance or enabling authority? (CWS)</li> </ul>	
	$\boxtimes$		<ul> <li>Annual Summary Report submitted? (CWS)</li> </ul>	PWS missed 2022 report
			<ul> <li>Certified Cross Connection Control Specialist? (CWS <u>&gt;</u> 300 connections)</li> </ul>	

## Comments:

The water system is generall planning for a new water reservoir and adding a new groundwater source.



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Water Quality Monitorin	g
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Oorstawinant N/A Number 9 Engeneeren Neut Taata Dua						
Contaminant	N/A	Number & Frequency	Next Tests Due			
Entry Point Sampling:			T			
Arsenic		once every 9 years	2029-2037			
Inorganic Chemicals (Including Nitrite) (sw)		once every 9 years	2029-2037			
Inorganic Chemicals (Including Nitrite) (gw)	$\boxtimes$					
Nitrate		one, annually	2023			
Radionuclides (Community Water Systems Only):						
Gross Alpha		one every 9 years	2026-2034			
Radium 226/228		one every 9 years	2026-2034			
Uranium		one every 9 years	2026-2034			
SOCs		one every 3 years	2026-2028			
VOCs (sw)		one, annually	2023			
VOCs (gw)	$\square$					
Distribution System Sampling:						
Coliform Bacteria		two monthly	ongoing			
Asbestos (for AC pipe/asbestos geologic areas)		one every 9 years	2029-2037			
TTHMs and HAA5s		one annually	2023			
Lead and Copper # sites:						
Other Sampling:						
TOC		CH-A, one, quarterly	ongoing			
Turbidity		every four hours	ongoing			
Source Water Coliform	$\boxtimes$	<b>i</b>				
Other (specify)	$\boxtimes$					
Yes No			-			
Is all required monitoring current?						
Are samples collected at the correct						
**Discuss correct sampling location						
**Discuss proper way to collect rep		ntative samples at all locations**				
**Discuss possible sample reduction	ons**					
Yes No → Have all MCL violations or LCR AL exceedances been addressed? N/A						
<ul> <li>Does the system have a written coliform sampling plan?</li> <li>Does the plan include: Yes No</li> <li>Yes No</li> </ul>						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ample	collection protocol	Rotation schedule			
		tion map 🛛 🛛 🖾	Repeat locations			
	ample	site locations	Source locations N/A			
Comments:						
Groundwater source water assessment not req	luired	due to the wells be treated with	1 4-log surface water			
treatment.						
As of this survey date, the water system still ha	nun 24	perous outstand samples to rep	ort			
	0 1101.					



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# Management & Operations

#### O&M Manual and Emergency Response Plan Yes No $\boxtimes$ • Does system have an operation and maintenance manual? $\boxtimes$ Does system have an emergency response plan? (• CWS, NTNC) $\square$ Do any system components have auxiliary power? If yes, describe: potable generator that powers entire WTP. **Operator Certification** Yes No N/A $\square$ Is the DRC identified and certified at the appropriate level? If the DRC is a contract operator, how do they work with the system? $\square$ • Does system have written protocols for under-certified operators? **Plan Review/Master Plan** Yes No N/A $\boxtimes$ Have all major modifications been approved by DWS? Does the system have a current (<20 yr. old) master plan? (Not required if < 300 connections)</li> What year was the plan completed? **Compliance Status** Yes No N/A $\mathbb{N}$ Is water system in compliance (all orders resolved and not a priority non-complier)?

- Does the system issue public notice as required?
- Are consumer confidence reports sent to users each year?

#### Comments:

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Consumer confidence reports not received for 2022. Violations have been issued.



City of Brownsville 255 N Main St. PO Box 188 Brownsville, OR 97327 Phone: (541)466-5666

December 4, 2023

Zach Golik, P.E., Regional Engineer Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services 2080 Laura Street Springfield, OR 97477

Re: Water System Survey Corrective Action Plan for PWS 4100152.

#### Dear Zach,

Below is a summary of corrective action measures taken due to deficiencies discovered in the water system survey conducted at the City of Brownsville on September 27, 2023.

## **Deficiency:**

Management and Operations: Consumer Confidence Report not received.

#### **Corrective Actions:**

On September 27, 2023, I emailed a copy of the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report and Certification letter to Zach Golik. There was a misunderstanding that I was to send the report to Data Management, Compliance and Enforcement (DCME) rather than Zach Golik directly. I emailed the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Consumer Confidence Reports along with the appropriate certifications to DMCE on October 18, 2023.

#### Summary:

The City of Brownsville strives to meet or exceed the Oregon Health Authority's rules and regulations with regards to safe drinking water and is transparent in the following ways:

- Every April we send out the Consumer Confidence Report and city newsletter to all residents within the Brownsville zip code, including residents and non-residents within the city limits. This includes any community groups, apartments, businesses, and any private employers.
- Every April the City posts our Consumer Confidence Report to our City website and is readily available for anyone wishing to review online.
- Copies of the Consumer Confidence Report are readily available at our City Hall, Library, Public Works Department, along with other publicly available locations for anyone to access.
- Staff review the Consumer Confidence Reports at City Council meetings and allow any questions, comments, or concerns the public may have.

Unfortunately, we did not meet the Outstanding Performers criteria as described in the summary report dated October 18, 2023, due to a clerical error, however we did, and will continue to be as transparent as possible with the people we serve in a very timely manner. We will continue to improve our management and operations to ensure such administrative tasks are completed in a timely manner and that the public we serve remains informed about the water that they drink.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or prefer a paper copy of this document, please feel free to contact me at (541)409-3700.

Thank you,

Karl Frink Public Works Superintendent

Enc:

- 2020 Consumer Confidence Report and certification
- 2021 Consumer Confidence Report and certification
- 2022 Consumer Confidence Report and certification



# 2020 Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form

# **PWS Name: City of Brownsville**

## PWS ID#: 4100152

The public water system named above hereby confirms that its Consumer Confidence Report has been distributed to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the Oregon Health Authority- Drinking Water Services

## **Certified by:**

Name:	Karl Frink
Title:	Public Works Superintendent
Phone:	(541)466-3381
Date Certified:	March 19, 2021
Date of Distributuion:	April 3, 2019

## Check all items below that apply:

- X CCR was distributed by mail or other direct delivery.
- X "Good Faith" efforts were used to reach non-bill paying consumers. These efforts include the following methods as recommended by the primacy agency:
  - <u>x</u> Posting on the internet at: www.ci.brownsville.or.us/publicworks/page/annual-water-quality-reports.
  - X Mailing to postal patrons within the service area of Brownsville.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Advertising the availability in the news media.
  - Publication in local newspaper.
  - X Posting in public places (locations: City Hall, Public Works. Library)
  - X Delivery of multiple copies to single bill addresses serving several people such as apartments, businesses, and large private employers.
  - X Delivery to Community Organizations.
  - X (for systems serving at least 100,000 persons) Posted on a publicly-accessible website.
  - X Delivered to other agencies as required by the primacy agency.

Karl Frink, Public Works Superintendent

# **2020** Annual Water Quality Report



Important information about your drinking water!

## Our mission

The City of Brownsville is committed to providing clean, safe, quality water for everyone living and visiting our community. Our efforts include protecting and preserving our water resources, as well as enhancing our treatment processes to provide you, the consumer, with quality drinking water each time you turn on your tap.

#### Introduction

Thank you for taking time to review this consumer confidence report provided to you by the City of Brownsville. This report contains important information regarding the quality of Brownsville's drinking water. Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974 and gave the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the job of making rules, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), to ensure drinking water in the U.S. is safe. In 1996, Congress passed amendments requiring drinking water systems to provide consumers with important information regarding their drinking water. This information includes where Brownsville's water comes from, what is in the water, and how it compares with Federal standards. We hope you find this report useful with regards to the safety of your drinking water.

#### Where does our water come from?

Brownsville's water sources are a well field and an infiltration gallery located in the southwest corner of Pioneer Park adjacent to the Calapooia River. Due of the close proximity of the river, the City's water sources are classified as "groundwater under the direct influence of surface water", which means that our source water comes from beneath the surface of the ground, but has significant or rapid shifts in water characteristics, such as pH, temperature and turbidity (clarity). The infiltration gallery is located under the Calapooia River and serves as the primary water source during the spring, summer and fall months of the year. The other water source, the well field, serves as our water source during the winter months when the river water is muddy and undesirable for treatment. The wells located in the well field, while still very close to the river, are classified as a ground water source, which means the source is located beneath the surface of the ground, and the water characteristics are relatively stable with only subtle fluctuations in pH, temperature, and turbidity. The City has a source water assessment report from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), which provides additional information such as the delineation of water sources (watershed), potential sources of contamination and other perils within our watershed area. Copies of this report are available for review at City Hall and the Public Works Department.

#### Information about source water

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, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which 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, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- 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 which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

#### What if I have questions about our water?

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions regarding our water, please contact our Public Works Department at (541) 466-3381, Monday through Friday, from 7:00am – 4:00pm, City. If there is no answer, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You may also attend the regular City Council meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at Brownsville City Hall. If there is an emergency, please call Karl Frink, Public Works Superintendent at (541) 409-3700.

The City of Brownsville routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State law. Some of the constituents include total coliform, arsenic, disinfection by-products (trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids), lead and copper and arsenic. This report shows the results of the City's monitoring for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, *including bottled drinking water*, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amount of some constituents. *It is important to remember the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose 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 (800)426-4791, or on the internet at: <u>http://water.epa.gov/drink/hotline/index.cfm</u>. For more information regarding the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act, please visit the EPA's website at: <u>www.epa.gov/sdwa</u>.

#### Terms and abbreviations used in this report

In this report, you may find some unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Non Detects (ND) – laboratory analysis indicated the constituent is not present.

**Part 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 (mcg/L)** – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/L)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years or one penny it \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (pg/L) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

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

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** – Measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) – Million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**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.

Variances & Exemptions (V&E) – State of EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Action Level – The level of a contaminant that, 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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's 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. MCLG's allow for margin of safety.

**Total Coliform:** The Total Coliform Rules require water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulations, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system.

**Nitrates:** As a precaution, we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

Lead: Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

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

#### **Important!** Please note!

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 at (800)426-4791 or visit: www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water for any questions you may have.

#### Summary of test results for 2020

			Mic	robiological Contaminants	
Contaminant Description	Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform	(1/N)	Delected		Presence of Coliform in	Naturally present
Bacteria	N	ND	0	any monthly sample.	in the environment.
Dacteria				A routine sample	in the chvironment
				and repeat samples are	
Fecal Coliform	N	ND	0	total coliform positive,	Human and animal fecal waste.
				and one is also fecal of	
				E.coli positive.	
		0.252		TT (NTU)	
	N	NTU		95% <1 NTU	
Turbidity				All < 5 NTU	Soil run off.
(NTU)			N/A	TT=	Soli run off.
	N	100%		percentage of	
				samples <1 NTU	
			[	Disinfection By-Products	
Contaminant	Violation	Level		-	Likely Source of
Description	(Y/N)	Detected	MCLG	MCL	Contamination
Haloacetic Acids		42.22			
(HAA5's)	N	12.30	N/A	60 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
(ppb)		ppb			
Total					
Trihalomethanes	Ν	25.50 ppb	N/A	80 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water
(TTHM's)					chlorination.
(ppb)					
	1	1		norganic Contaminants	
Contaminant	Violation	Level	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of
Description	(Y/N)	Detected			Contamination
<b>.</b> .		ND	о	10 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff
Arsenic	N				from orchards; runoff from glass and
					electronic production wastes.
Nites to a	Ν	ND	10	100 ppb	Runoff from fertilizer; leaching from
Nitrates					septic tanks, sewage; erosion of
					natural deposits.
Lead	N	0.0		15.5 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing
	N	ppb	0		systems; erosion of natural deposits.
					Corrosion of household plumbing
	Ν	o.o ppb	1.3	1350 ppb	systems; erosion of natural deposits;
Conner					leaching from wood preservatives
Copper		ppp			
Copper		ppb			
Copper	N	ND	7	7 MFL	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits.

#### Essential things to know about water

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## PWS ID#: 4100152

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## **Certified by:**

Name:	Karl Frink
Title:	Public Works Superintendent
Phone:	(541)466-3381
Date Certified:	March 18, 2022
Date of Distributuion:	March 25, 2022

## Check all items below that apply:

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# **2021** Annual Water Quality Report



Important information about your drinking water!

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**Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** – Measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) – Million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**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.

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Action Level – The level of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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**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. MCLG's allow for margin of safety.

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#### Important! Please note!

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#### Summary of test results for 2021

			Mic	robiological Contaminants	
Contaminant	Violation	Level	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of
Description	(Y/N)	Detected	MICEO	_	Contamination
Total Coliform	N	ND	о	Presence of Coliform in	Naturally present
Bacteria	IN .	ND	0	any monthly sample.	in the environment.
				A routine sample	
				and repeat samples are	
Fecal Coliform	N	ND	0	total coliform positive,	Human and animal fecal waste.
				and one is also fecal of	
				E.coli positive.	
		0.106		TT (NTU)	
	N	NTU		95% <1 NTU	
Turbidity		NIO		All < 5 NTU	
(NTU)			N/A	TT=	Soil run off.
	Ν	100%		percentage of	
				samples <1 NTU	
			L F	Disinfection By-Products	
Contaminant	Violation	Level		-	Likely Source of
Description	(Y/N)	Detected	MCLG	MCL	Contamination
Haloacetic Acids	(111)				
(HAA5's)	N	12.30	N/A	60 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
(ppb)		ppb	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		,,
Total				-	
Trihalomethanes	Ν	25.50 ppb	N/A	80 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water
(TTHM's)					chlorination.
(ppb)		F F -			
				Inorganic Contaminants	
Contaminant	Violation	Level	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of
Description	(Y/N)	Detected	MCLG	MICL	Contamination
					Erosion of natural deposits; runoff
Arsenic	Ν	ND	0	10 ppb	from orchards; runoff from glass and
					electronic production wastes.
		ND	10	100 ppb	Runoff from fertilizer; leaching from
Nitrates	Ν				septic tanks, sewage; erosion of
					natural deposits.
					Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead	N	0.0 ppb	0	15.5 ppb	systems; erosion of natural deposits.
		ppb			
	Ν	0.0	1.3	1350 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing
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In this report, you may find some unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Non Detects (ND) – laboratory analysis indicated the constituent is not present.

**Part 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 (mcg/L)** – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/L)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years or one penny it \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (pg/L) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

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

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** – Measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) – Million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**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.

Variances & Exemptions (V&E) – State of EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Action Level – The level of a contaminant that, 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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's 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. MCLG's allow for margin of safety.

**Total Coliform:** The Total Coliform Rules require water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the stricter regulations, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system.

**Nitrates:** As a precaution, we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

**Lead:** Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

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

#### Important! Please note!

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 at (800)426-4791 or visit: www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water for any questions you may have.

#### Summary of test results for 2021

			Mic	robiological Contaminants	
Contaminant	Violation	Level	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of
Description	(Y/N)	Detected	MICLO	MCL	Contamination
Total Coliform	N	ND	0	Presence of Coliform in	Naturally present
Bacteria	IN	ND	0	any monthly sample.	in the environment.
				A routine sample	
				and repeat samples are	
Fecal Coliform	N	ND	0	total coliform positive,	Human and animal fecal waste.
				and one is also fecal of	
				E.coli positive.	
		0.361		TT (NTU)	
	N	NTU		95% <1 NTU	
Turbidity		NIO		All < 5 NTU	
(NTU)			N/A	TT=	Soil run off.
. ,	Ν	100%		percentage of	
				samples <1 NTU	
			I	Disinfection By-Products	
Contaminant	Violation	Level		-	Likely Source of
Description	(Y/N)	Detected	MCLG	MCL	Contamination
Haloacetic Acids					
(HAA5's)	Ν	5.04	N/A	60 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
(ppb)		ppb		r r -	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total					
Trihalomethanes	Ν	14.9 ppb	N/A	80 ppb	Byproduct of drinking water
(TTHM's)					chlorination.
(ppb)					
				Inorganic Contaminants	
Contaminant	Violation	Level	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of
Description	(Y/N)	Detected	MICEO	INCL	Contamination
					Erosion of natural deposits; runoff
Arsenic	N	ND	0	10 ppb	from orchards; runoff from glass and
					electronic production wastes.
	N	ND	10	100 ppb	Runoff from fertilizer; leaching from
Nitrates					septic tanks, sewage; erosion of
			ļ		natural deposits.
		N o.o ppb		15.5 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead	N		0		systems; erosion of natural deposits.
		F F 7			
_	N	o.o ppb	1.3	1350 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper					systems; erosion of natural deposits;
		11-			leaching from wood preservatives
					Decay of asbestos cement water
Asbestos	N	ND	7	7 MFL	mains; erosion of natural deposits.
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#### Essential things to know about water

Inadequately treated water may contain disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. The City of Brownsville built a new slow sand filter water treatment plant to provide adequate treatment and remedies for making our water safe. This new water plant went on line in 1998. We added soda ash to the treatment process of our water to adjust the pH of the water. Adjusting the pH of the water helps prevent the leaching of lead in the plumbing of your home. By making these improvements to our water system, we successfully completed two rounds of lead sampling during the year 1999. That success reduced our sampling requirement for lead from twice yearly to once every three years. We also passed the Phase II & V testing requirements. We successfully completed our lead and copper sampling in 2021 and will sample again in 2024 per the OHA drinking water requirements.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water in primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Brownsville 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 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 Safe Drinking Water Hotline or on the web at: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/safe-drinking-water-information">water-information</a>.

#### Source water assessment report

The 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act require that all states conduct Source Water Assessments for public water systems within their boundaries. The assessments consist of (1) identification of the Drinking Water Protection Area, i.e., the area at the surface that is directly above that part of the aquifer that supplies groundwater to our well(s), (2) identification of potential sources of pollution within the Drinking Water Protection Area, and (3) determining the susceptibility or relative risk to the well water from those sources. The purpose of the assessment is to provide water systems with the information they need to develop a strategy to protect their drinking water resource if they choose. The respective Drinking Water Programs of the Department of Human Services and Environmental Quality have completed the assessment for our system. A copy of the report is on file at the Public Works Department and City Hall.

The aquifer(s) supplying water to our well(s): Willamette (sand and gravel). For additional information regarding the Willamette aquifer, please visit: <u>www.oregon.gov/owrd/pages/index.aspx</u>.

#### Cross connection and backflow prevention

This past year the City of Brownsville has been very active with its' Cross Connection Control Program. The Program has been updated and new regulations and requirements have been implemented. This is a Federal and State required program to help protect our water system from potential cross-connection problems and the life threatening conditions when back siphoning or back pressure can be present. Many people don't understand the need for this program; however, there are many deaths across the nation each year where these programs are not in place. The City requires that all backflow devices be tested annually as required in the regulations. The City also provides a backflow device testing program to have any device tested annually at a reduced rate to our residents. Please call our Public Works Department at (541) 466-3381 if you would like to participate, or have any questions concerning this program. We can also be reached by email at: <a href="mailto:publicworks@ci.brownsville.or.us">publicworks@ci.brownsville.or.us</a>

#### Valuable reminder about drinking water!

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 is dangerous or poses a health risk. While industry marketing campaigns promote the notion that bottled water is best, please remember, at this time, bottled water is not required to meet the same high quality standards as municipal water. More information about contaminates and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or on the web at: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water">https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water</a>.

MCL's 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.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, it may be necessary to make improvements to the City's water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. Income from water rates is used only to operate and maintain the water system and is required by law to be self-supporting.

#### In Closing...

The City of Brownsville continually works to meet and exceed all drinking water standards and requirements, and to provide top quality water to every tap. It is important that each of us help us protect our water sources to keep our water safe today, tomorrow and for generations to come. Thank you for taking the time to review this report. The City of Brownsville takes pride in serving our community and providing the quality customer service you deserve.

## City Website

# www.ci.brownsville.or.us

Our website is updated regularly and new information is available. The updates include information such as City Council meeting minutes, local activities, newsletters, contact information, municipal codes, meeting information, job openings, and more. Please feel free to visit our website any time for additional information.

## **Oregon Health Authority Website**

# www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/drinkingwater

#### **Public Works Contact Information**

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