

WASHOE VALLEY

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Washoe County Department of Water Resources

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Constituents	Units	Maximum Contaminant Level	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Lightning W Well #1			Old Washoe Estates Well #2			Sunrise Estates Well #1			Sunrise Estates Well #2 (Backup only)			
				Well #1	Well #2	Well #3	Well #1	Well #2	Well #3	Well #1	Well #2	Well #3	Well #1	Well #2	Well #3	
Primary Standards																
Antimony	ug/L	6	6	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Arsenic	ug/L	50	N/A	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<3
Asbestos	mfl	7	7	Not Detected												
Barium	mg/L	2	2	0.09	0.01	0.15	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.03	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	0.03
Beryllium	ug/L	4	4	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Cadmium	ug/L	5	5	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Chromium	ug/L	100	100	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	5
Cyanide	ug/L	200	200	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<10	<10	
Fluoride	mg/L	4	4	0.08	0.04	1.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.02	
Mercury	ug/L	2	2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Nickel	ug/L	100	100	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	10	10	0.1	0.1	0.5	0	0.4	2.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	
Nitrite (as N)	mg/L	1	1	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Selenium	ug/L	50	50	<5	<5	<5	<5	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Thallium	ug/L	2	0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Secondary Standards																
Chloride	mg/L	400	250	5	3	48	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	8
Color	CU	15	15	<5	<5	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Copper	mg/L	1	1	0.002	0.002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fluoride	mg/L	2	2	<0.1	<0.1	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.02
Foaming Agents (MBAS)	mg/L	0.5	0.5	<0.05	<0.05	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Iron	mg/L	0.6	0.3	<0.05	<0.05	3.13	0	0	0	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.3
Magnesium	mg/L	150	125	8	5	13	11	13	13	10	10	10	10	10	10	7
Manganese	mg/L	0.1	0.05	0.002	0.002	<0.001	0.35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01
pH		6.5 to 8.5	6.5 to 8.5	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.3
Sulfate	mg/L	500	250	1	1	5	3	3	3	16	8	8	8	8	8	4
Zinc	mg/L	5	5	<0.005	<0.005	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.027	0	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1000	500	170	130	320	175	212	208	208	151					
Additional Constituents																
Lead	ug/L	15	0	<1	<1	3	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Hardness	mg/L	No Standard	No Standard	71	61	128	93	93	118	118	104	104	104	69	69	69
Calcium	mg/L	No Standard	No Standard	17	16	30	19	19	26	26	25	25	25	16	16	16
Potassium	mg/L	No Standard	No Standard	3	5	3	3	3	5	5	6	6	6	4	4	4
Sodium	mg/L	No Standard	No Standard	12	11	64	24	24	19	19	21	21	21	8	8	8
Silica	mg/L	No Standard	No Standard	53	31	58	69	69	62	62	63	63	63	52	52	52
Radioactivity (pCi/L)																
Gross Alpha	pCi/L	15	0	6	<3	3	5	5	<3	3	3	<3	<3	<3	<3	<3
Gross Beta	pCi/L	50	0	8	12	5	8	8	9	8	8	6	6	4	4	4
Radon	pCi/L	No Standard	0	2700	910	820	740	740	730	730	1500	2200	2200			
Microbiology																
Total Coliform		1 positive sample/month		Zero positive samples												
Leachable Lead and Copper				Action Levels												
Lead	ug/L	15	0	6	<3	3	5	5	<3	3	3	<3	<3	<3	<3	<3
Copper	mg/L	13	0	8	12	5	8	8	9	8	8	6	6	4	4	4

Coliform was
not detected

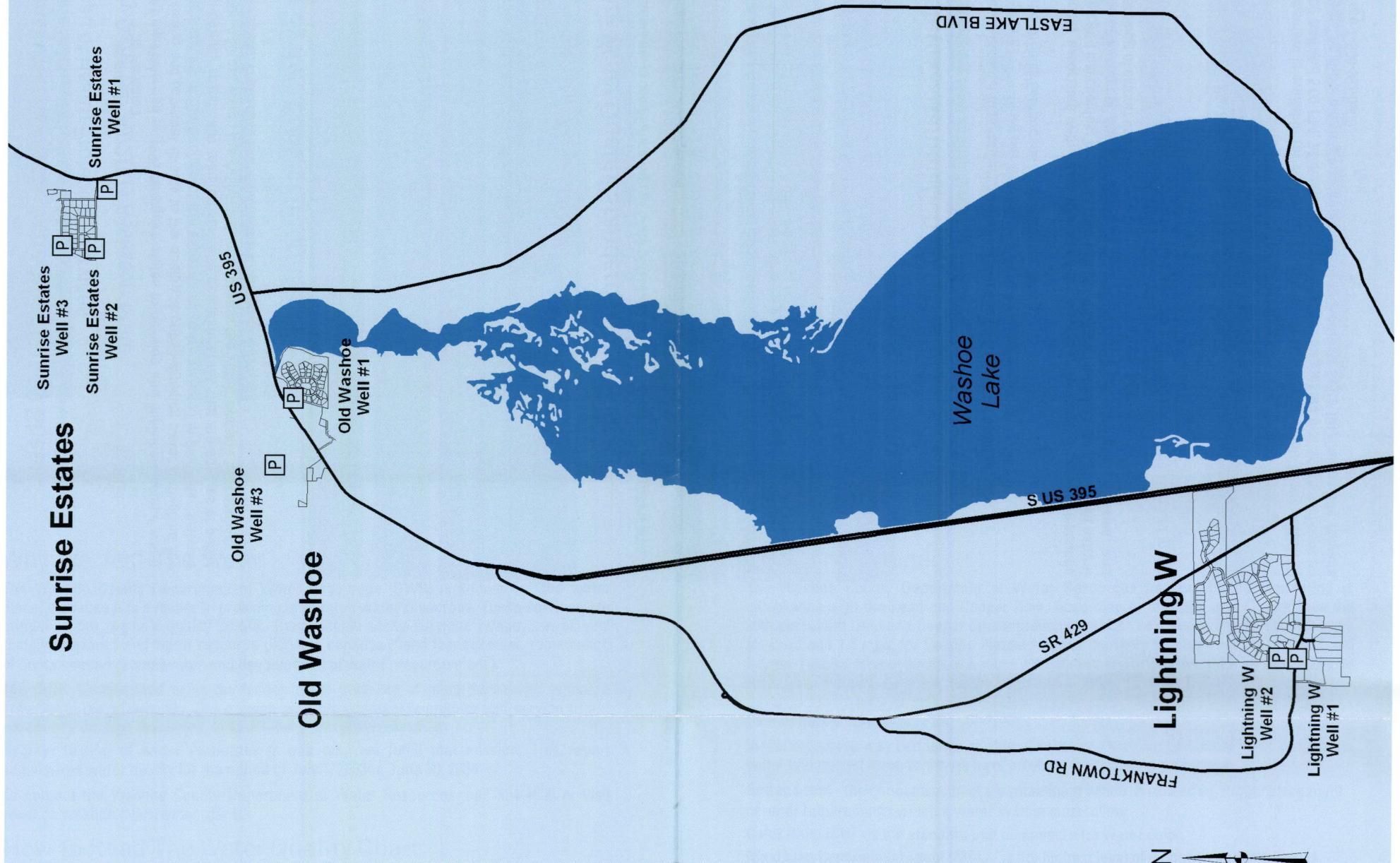
90th Percentile Concentrations

1.1

0.31

2

0.33



Nevada Source Water Assessment Program Summary Sheet

State of Nevada Department of Human Resources - Health Division
Bureau of Health Protection Services

Summary Date: 04/20/2004 Assessor: State

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was amended in 1996 to require states to develop and implement source water assessment programs (SWAP) to analyze existing and potential threats to the quality of public drinking water throughout the state. The 1996 Amendments also required a summary of the findings of the assessment to be included in the water system's annual Water Quality Report. The 1996 Amendments specifically required states to delineate areas that are sources of public drinking water, identify potential contamination sources within the delineated area, assess the water system's susceptibility to contamination, and to inform the public of the results. These results are summarized below.

Water System Contact Information

Water System: LIGHTNING W	County: Washoe
System ID Number: 865	Connections: 37
Water System: OLD WASHOE ESTATES	County: Washoe
System ID Number: 2526	Connections: 53
Water System: SUNRISE ESTATES	County: Washoe
System ID Number: 2525	Connections: 50
Owner: Washoe County	Address: 4930 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502
	Telephone: (775) 954-4600
	Fax: (775) 954-4610
Operator: Washoe County	Address: 4930 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502
	Population: 78
	Population: 112
	Population: 86

Federal and State Water Quality Standards Compliance

- If filled in, the above referenced water systems are in compliance with all State of Nevada and federal water quality standards.

THE **LIGHTNING W PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM** UTILIZES TWO WELLS. THE WATER SYSTEM IS PRESENTLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL DRINKING WATER MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS. THE WATER SYSTEM MAINTAINS A STAFF OF WELL-TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM.

THE **OLD WASHOE ESTATES COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM** UTILIZES ONE GROUND WATER WELL. THE WATER SYSTEM IS PRESENTLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL DRINKING WATER MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS. THE WATER SYSTEM MAINTAINS A STAFF OF WELL-TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM.

THE **SUNRISE ESTATES PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM** UTILIZES ONE WELL. THE WATER SYSTEM IS PRESENTLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL DRINKING WATER MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS. THE WATER SYSTEM MAINTAINS A STAFF OF WELL-TRAINED PROFESSIONALS WHO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM.

Water System Contamination Vulnerability

- If filled in, the above referenced water systems are considered to have low vulnerability potential from contamination.

The above referenced water system is considered potentially vulnerable to the following contaminant groups:

Volatile Organic Compounds Inorganic Compounds Microbiological
 Synthetic Organic Compounds Radionuclides

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) are typically associated with gas stations and dry cleaners; Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) are typically associated with herbicides and insecticides; Inorganic Compounds (IOC) are typically associated with natural deposits, fertilizers, and septic systems; microbiological contaminates are typically associated with lakes, streams; and radionuclides are typically associated with erosion of natural deposits.

The water systems are considered vulnerable to the activities/sources associated with the contaminant groups checked in the boxes above for the following reasons:

AT THE TIME OF THE ASSESSMENT THERE WERE NO IDENTIFIED SOURCES OF POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION TO THE AQUIFERS PROVIDING THE WATER TO THE WATER SYSTEMS, OR THE SOURCES OF POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION WERE DETERMINED TO POSE A LOW POTENTIAL TO CONTAMINATE THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS.

A copy of the complete source water assessment is available for viewing at the Bureau of Health Protection Services (BHPS) Carson City office between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. It is suggested that an appointment be made if you are interested in viewing a report. The BHPS office is located at 1179 Fairview Drive, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5405. Telephone 1-775-687-4754 Toll Free 1-800-992-0900.

Why We Test The Water

The Washoe County Department of Water Resources (DWR) is known as "the water place" because it is a leader in providing integrated water resources. These services are critical to the region's quality of life. They include utility services (water, sewer, and reclaimed water) and water resource planning services (flood management, remediation of contaminated groundwater, and development of water resource plans).

The DWR is committed to be the leader in the provision of integrated water resource services to our community. Our mission is to provide quality product and service to our community through teamwork, accountability and professionalism.

Regular testing of water resources is one way we fulfill that mission. This report summarizes water quality for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

To contact the Washoe County Department of Water Resources, call 954-4600 or visit www.co.washoe.nv.us/water_dept/.

How To Read The Water Quality Chart

The far left column, titled Constituents, lists the naturally occurring and man-made inorganic contaminants that are monitored by the Washoe County Department of Water Resources, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. The Primary Inorganic Standards are monitored to ensure the water is safe to drink, and the Secondary Inorganic Standards are monitored to ensure the water is aesthetically pleasing.

The second column, titled Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), is the highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water defined by the EPA. The third column, titled Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG), is the level of a contaminant in drinking water in which there is no known or expected risk to health defined by the EPA.

The remaining columns show what contaminant level, if any, was contained in the water sources. In most cases, your water comes from a blending of these supplies. The map lists all the sources supplying a specific water system.

Things to Know About Your H2O

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants in drinking water does not necessarily indicate that the drinking water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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 for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on the appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead And Copper

The Washoe County Department of Water Resources has completed monitoring in compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. According to the Lead and Copper Rule the 90th percentile Lead and Copper concentrations are not to exceed action levels of 15 ug/L for Lead and 1.3 mg/L for Copper. Please refer to the table for the most recent Lead and Copper results. If you would like more information regarding the Rule or would like to participate in future sampling, please contact our office.

Glossary Of Terms

In this report you may find terms or abbreviations you may not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

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

Color Units (CU) - is the standard unit of measure for water color.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - is the level of a contaminant in drinking water in which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - one microgram per liter corresponds to one penny in \$10,000,000 (same as parts per billion or PPB).

Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one milligram per liter corresponds to one penny in \$10,000 (same as parts per million or PPM).

pH - is a measure of acidity. A pH value of less than 7 is acidic, values greater than 7 are alkaline.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - is a measure of water radioactivity.

The symbol "<" - means less than.