



# 2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

## CITY OF ROBINSON

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### **SPECIAL NOTICE FOR THE ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS OR OTHER IMMUNE PROBLEMS**

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. The EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### **Public Participation Opportunities**

To learn about future public meetings (concerning Robinson's water) or to request to schedule one, please call 254- 662-1415 ext. 3050.

### ***Robinson's Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements***

This report is a summary of the quality of the water provided to Robinson customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented on the attached pages. This information is intended to help residents be more knowledgeable about the water supply.

**WATER SOURCES:** 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 before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

### **En Español**

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en español, favor de llamar al tel 254-662-1415 para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

## Robinson Water Sources

Robinson drinking water is obtained from both surface and ground water sources. The ground water comes from deep wells in the Second (Lower) Trinity Aquifer. Surface water is drawn from the Brazos River and stored in the Robinson Reservoir before treatment. Robinson also purchases treated water from the City of Waco which treats water from Lake Waco. The TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) completed an assessment of your source water and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for your water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detection of these contaminants may be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at the Robinson system contact Greg Hobbs, Water Utilities Director.

**ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.** When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

## Secondary Constituents

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of water.

The following part of this report lists all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in Robinson drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

#### **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**

*The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.*

#### **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)**

*The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.*

#### **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)**

*The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.*

#### **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)**

*The level of a 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 contamination.*

#### **Treatment Technique (TT)**

*A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.*

#### **Action Level (AL)**

*The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.*

### **ABBREVIATIONS:**

**NTU** -Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**MFL** -million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

**pCi/L** -picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**ppm** - parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

**ppb** -parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

**ppt** -parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

**ppq** -parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

### Inorganic Contaminants

Collection Date	Contaminant	Highest Single Sample	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
02/10/2014	Arsenic	.0020	.020-.020	n/a	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
02/10/2014	Barium	.0757	0.0757-.0757	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
02/10/2014	Fluoride	2.4	0.19-2.4	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
02/10/2014	Nitrate	0.85	0.05-.85	1	1	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
02/10/2014	Selenium	.0030	.001-.0030	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion Of natural deposits; Discharge from mines

### Organic Contaminants

Collection Date	Contaminant	Highest Single Sample	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
012/10/2014	Atrazine	0.20	0.20 – 0.20	3	3	ppb	N	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.

### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL	MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Chemical
2014	Chlorine	1.3	1.1	2.7	4.0	<4.0	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

### Disinfection Byproducts

Year or Range	Contaminant	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCGL	MCL	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2014	Total Haloacetic Acids	19.1	0 – 19.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2014	Total Trihalomethanes	100.0	0-89.4	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

### Unregulated Contaminants

Bromoform, chloroform, dichlorobromomethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year or Range	Contaminant	Highest Single Sample	Range of Levels Detected	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2014	Chloroform	9.20	1 - 9.20	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
2014	Bromodichloromethane	26.0	1 – 26.0	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
2014	Bromoform	51.0	1-51.0	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
2014	Dibromochloromethane	55.0	1 – 55.0	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Failure to Submit Plant Schematic (FBR)	07/06/2011	2014	Failed to submit to regulator a plant schematic showing the origin of all flows which are recycled, hydraulic conveyance used to transport them and location where they are re-introduced back into the treatment plant.
Monitoring, Routine (IESWTR/LT1), Major	09/01/2014	09/30/2014	Failed to test out drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.
Monitoring, RTN/RPT Major (SWTR-Filter)	09/01/2014	09/30/2014	Failed to test out drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

## Lead and Copper

Date	Contaminant	The 90th Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
06/27/2013	Lead	0.00149	0	15	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
06/27/2013	Copper	0.133	0	1.3	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

"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. This water supply 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>."

## Turbidity

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Year	Contaminant	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Limits	Turbidity Limits	Unit of Measure	Violation	Source of Contaminant
2014	Turbidity	.14	100.00	0.3	NTU	N	Soil Runoff

## Total Organic Carbon

Total organic carbon (TOC) no health effects. The disinfectant can combine with TOC to form disinfection byproducts. Disinfection is necessary to ensure that water does not have unacceptable levels of pathogens. Byproducts of disinfection include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAA) which are reported elsewhere in this report.

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	MCLG	Source of Contaminant
2014	Source Water	4.84	4.31	6.04	ppm		Naturally present in the environment
2014	Drinking Water	2.30	1.70	2.95	ppm		Naturally present in the environment
2014	Removal Ratio	1.50	1.32	1.73	% Removal*		NA

\*Removal ratio is the percent of TOC removed by the treatment process divided by the percent of TOC required by TCEQ to be removed.

### Cryptosporidium Monitoring Information: NOT YET SAMPLED

**Total Coliform:** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO COLIFORM BACTERIA.

**Fecal Coliform:** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.

### Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)

Year or Range	Constituent	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Secondary Limit	Unit of Measure	Source of Constituent
2014	Bicarbonate	411	404	425	NA	ppm	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2014	Calcium	40.6	40.6	40.6	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2014	Chloride	80.2	80.2	180	300	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity
2014	Copper	0.0258	0.0258	0.0258	1	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood
2014	Iron	n/a			.3	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; iron or steel water delivery equipment or facilities.
2014	Magnesium	9.13	9.13	9.13	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2014	Manganese	.0011	.0011	.0011	.05	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2014	pH	7.7	7.8	8.0			Measure of corrosivity of water.
2014	Sodium	180	105	249	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2014	Sulfate	163	163	163	300	ppm	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.
2013	Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	258	6	349	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2014	Total Dissolved Solids	710	450	951	1000	ppm	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2014	Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	139	139	139	NA	ppm	Naturally occurring calcium.