

# Serving Those Who Serve

**2022 Water Quality Report - Fort Bliss**  
**PWS ID#: TX0710020, TX0710078, TX0710187**  
**Fort Bliss Water Services Company, Inc.**  
**American States Utility Services, Inc.**

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# Dedicated to Delivering Clean Water

Every day, people depend on American States Utility Services, Inc. (ASUS) for the water that enhances their quality of life. We operate and maintain water and wastewater systems on military bases across the country, dedicating ourselves to producing drinking water that meets all state and federal standards and continually striving to adopt new methods for delivering the best quality drinking water to the military installations we serve. As new challenges to drinking water safety emerge, we remain vigilant in meeting the goals of source water protection, water conservation, and community education, while continuing to meet the needs of all of our water users.

Fort Bliss Water Services Company, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of ASUS, is the sole provider of your water service. Our certified operators ensure the safe delivery of all potable water, taking water samples at approved sites to ensure its quality throughout our system. With a deep commitment to customer care, ASUS works diligently to protect every drop of water. As a utility provider, we constantly analyze our systems to determine which areas might need repair, replacement, or even supplementary facilities. ASUS also puts a strong focus on water efficiency, actively providing educational outreach for customers to further encourage better resource management.

We at ASUS are proud to be able to provide our services to the military personnel, civilians, and family members who live and work at Fort Bliss. We are honored to support the role your military installation plays in defending the country, both at home and abroad. We achieve this goal by always putting our fundamental ideals into practice. We pay special attention to the ultimate measure of success: our customer's peace of mind.

In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all our customers. With our own team's deeply-rooted military background, we have an intimate understanding of what it takes to make an installation thrive, and we take pride in delivering unparalleled care in this regard.

We are pleased to present you with this annual water quality report and thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family. Please remember that we are always available to assist you should you ever have any questions or concerns about your water. For more details, you can view our past and current Water Quality Reports at [www.asusinc.com](http://www.asusinc.com).

Sincerely,

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# Important Information About Your Water

## Source Water Assessment

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) 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 detections of these contaminants will be found in this Consumer Confidence Report. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system contact Gilbert Mesa, (915) 564-1332.

## What the EPA Wants You to Know

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as those 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/Centers for Disease Control (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 at (800) 426-4791 or [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater)

## Lead in Home Plumbing

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. We are 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 your drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

## Substances that Could Be in Your Water

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

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 poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791 or [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

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.

# Important Information About Your Water

## Substances that Could Be in Your Water (cont'd)

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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or a result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## 2022 Water Quality Test Results

Our drinking water is obtained from groundwater sources. The Hueco Mesilla Bolson Aquifer is located east and west of the Franklin Mountains in far west Texas and is recognized as a major aquifer in Texas. Fort Bliss Water Services Company (FBWSC) currently owns and operates three community-based Public Water Systems (PWSs) within Fort Bliss.

The water distribution systems for Main Post Fort Bliss (TX0710020) and Biggs Army Airfield (TX0710078) are self-sustaining systems, operating independently of one another. The primary water supply for these systems derives from wells located within the Fort Bliss Army Base property. Zero percent of this water is purchased from El Paso Water (EPW). East Biggs Water System (TX0710187) is supplied by water that is purchased from EPW. In the event that the FBWSC water systems are incapable of providing sufficient supply, EPW water can be accessed via emergency interconnections to the FBWSC water distribution system.

Our water is monitored for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2022. The state recommends monitoring for certain substances less often than once per year because the concentrations of these substances do not change frequently. Data obtained before January 1, 2022, and presented in this report, is from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

### Regulated Substances - Fort Bliss Main Post Area

#### Inorganic Contaminants

Inorganic Contaminants	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2020	3.7	2.7 - 3.7	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	2020	0.092	0.079 - 0.092	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	2020	6.7	1.4 - 6.7	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2020	0.914	0.811 - 0.914	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2022	4	2.59 - 4	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider

## 2022 Water Quality Test Results - Regulated Substances - Fort Bliss Main Post Area

### Radioactive Contaminants

Radioactive Contaminants	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/Photon emitters	2020	6.8	6.8 - 6.8	0	50	pCi/L*	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2020	4	4 - 4	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium	2020	4.2	4.2 - 4.2	0	30	ug/l	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

\* EPA considers 50 pCi/l to be the level of concern for beta particles.

### Lead and Copper

Lead and Copper	Sample Year	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2021	1.3	1.3	0.095	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2021	0	15	ND	0	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; residential plumbing corrosion

### Disinfection By-Products

Disinfection By-Products	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2022	2	0 - 1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2022	6	1.03 - 6.73	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

\*The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all HAA5/TTHM sample results collected at a location over a year

### Coliform Bacteria

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample.	1	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL: A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive.	1	N	Naturally present in the environment.

### Disinfectant Residual

Disinfectant Residual	Sample Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Violation (Y/N)	Source in Drinking Water
Chlorine	2022	1.38	0.41 - 2.50	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

\*The value consists of the average of all the samples taken throughout the year.

## 2022 Water Quality Test Results - Regulated Substances - Fort Bliss Biggs Army Airfield

### Inorganic Contaminants

Inorganic Contaminants	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2020	6.7	6.7 – 6.7	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	2020	0.056	0.056 – 0.056	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	2020	6	6 - 6	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2020	0.852	0.852 – 0.852	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2022	1.89	1.89 - 1.89	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

While your drinking water meets EPA standards for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

### Radioactive Contaminants

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Individual Samples	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/photon emitters	2022	7.1	7.1 - 7.1	0	50	pCi/L*	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2022	2	2 - 2	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium	2022	3.6	3.6 - 3.6	0	30	ug/l	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

\*EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

### Lead and Copper

Lead and Copper	Sample Year	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2020	1.3	1.3	0.092	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2020	0	15	ND	0	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; residential plumbing corrosion

### Coliform Bacteria

Coliform Bacteria	Sample Year	Total # of Positive <i>E. coli</i> or Fecal Coliform Samples	MCL	MCLG	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Coliform Bacteria, <i>E. coli</i>	2022	0	Repeat samples were negative for total coliforms and <i>E. coli</i>	0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

### Disinfectant Residual

Disinfectant Residual	Sample Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Violation	Source in Drinking Water
Chlorine	2022	1.38	0.51 – 2.90	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

## 2022 Water Quality Test Results - Regulated Substances - East Biggs Water System – Data collected from purchased water provider

### Inorganic Contaminants

Inorganic Contaminant	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2022	6	<1.0 - 6.0	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion or natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass, electronics production wastes
Barium	2022	0.130	0.029 - 0.130	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge from drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	2022	7.6	1.8 - 7.6	100	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2022	0.58	0.56 - 0.58	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from aluminum factories
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2022	3.38	<0.01 - 3.38	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewages; erosion of natural deposits

### Radioactive Contaminants

Radioactive Contaminants	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/photon emitters	2021	10.4	<4.0 – 10.4	0	50	pCi/L	N	Decay of natural & man-made deposits
Gross alpha, excluding radon and uranium	2021	5.0	<3.0 – 5.0	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (-226 & -228)	2021	2.67	<1.0 – 2.67	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium	2021	11.9	<0.001 – 11.9	0	30	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits

\* EPA considers 50 pCi/l to be the level of concern for beta particles

### Organic Contaminants

Organic Contaminant	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Xylenes	2021	5.15	<0.5 – 5.15	10000	10000	ppb	N	Discharge from rubber and chemical plants

### Lead and Copper

Lead and Copper	Sample Year	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# Site over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2022	1.3	1.3	0.39	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead	2022	0	15	1.5	0	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; residential plumbing corrosion

### Disinfection By-products

Disinfection By-products	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Haloacetic Acids (THAA)	2022	6.7	<1.0 - 6.7	N/A	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2022	42.5	<1.0 - 42.5	N/A	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Bromate	2022	6.72	<2.0 - 6.72	0	10	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2022	0.03	<0.01 - 0.03	0.8	1	ppm	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection

### Coliform Bacteria

Coliform Bacteria	Sample Year	Total # of Positive <i>E. coli</i> or Fecal Coliform Samples	MCL	MCLG	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Coliform Bacteria, <i>E. coli</i>	2022	5	Repeat samples were negative for total coliforms and <i>E. coli</i>	0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

### Disinfectant Residual

Disinfectant Residual	Sample Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Violation	Source in Drinking Water
Chlorine	2022	1.82	1.14 - 2.44	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Chlorine Dioxide	2022	0	0	800	800	ppb	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

### Volatile Organic Contaminants

Volatile Organic Contaminant	Sample Year	Average Level	Range of Samples	MCL	MCLG	Violation	Possible Source
Ethylbenzene ppb	2021	0.033	< 0.5 - 9	700	700	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries

### Inorganic Contaminants

Unregulated Contaminants	Sample Year	Average Level	Range	MCL	MCLG	Units	Likely Source of Contamination
Chloroform	2022	0.59	<1.0 - 26.1	N/A	70	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Bromoform	2022	1.93	<1.0 - 13.6	N/A	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Bromodichloromethane	2022	1.33	<1.0 - 24.8	N/A	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Dibromochloromethane	2022	2.36	<1.0 - 17.1	N/A	60	ppb	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\*Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

## 2022 Water Quality Test Results - East Biggs Water System – Data collected by ASUS/FBWSC

### Inorganic Contaminants

Inorganic Contaminant	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2022	1.98	0.665 - 1.98	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

### Lead & Copper

Lead & Copper	Collection Date	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# Sites over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2022	1.3	1.3	0.36	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives; corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead	2022	0	15	17	5	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; residential plumbing corrosion

### Disinfection By-products

Disinfection By-products	Sample Year	Highest Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Haloacetic Acids (THAA)	2021	28.8	0 - 28.8	N/A	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2022	27	0 - 84	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2022	7	0 - 15.2	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\*The value in the Highest Level or Average Detected column is the highest average of all TTHM sample results collected at a location over a year



**Coliform Bacteria**

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample.	2	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive.	0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

**Disinfectant Residual**

Disinfectant Residual	Sample Year	Average Level	Range of Levels Detected	MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Violation	Source in Drinking Water
Chlorine	2022	1.50	0.21 – 2.18	4	4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

**Monitoring Violation Public Notice**  
**Monitoring Requirements Not Met for East Biggs PWS # TX0710187**

<b>Lead and Copper Rule</b>			
The Lead and Copper Rule protects public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water, primarily by reducing water corrosivity. Lead and copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials.			
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R (LCR)	06/01/2022	11/30/2022	We failed to test our 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.

In November 2022, Fort Bliss Water Service Company violated the monitoring and reporting requirements for the Lead and Copper Rule, as set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Chapter 30, Section 290, Subchapter F of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). Even though this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether our drinking water meets health standards. During November 2022, we completed all of the required sampling and all results were within the standards, but the laboratory providing analysis failed to report the results to TCEQ within the required timeframe.

**What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do at this time. You may continue to drink the water. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, we are required to notify you within 24 hours.

**What is being done?**

In an effort to remedy this problem and ensure this error is not repeated, we have begun including the relevant monitoring period and associated reporting deadline for all Water Quality Parameter (WQP) samples on the Chains of Custody sent to the laboratory. We will continue to collect every required WQP sample and, as of the month of March 2023, we were no longer in violation. For more information, please contact Gilbert Mesa at 915-564-1332 or stop by building 1339 on Marshall Road.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Fort Bliss Water Services Company.

Date distributed: 6/15/2023

**Level 1 Assessment Public Notice– East Biggs PWS # TX0710187**

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

During the past year we were required to conduct one Level 1 assessment. One Level 1 assessment was completed. In addition, we were required to take one corrective action and we completed this one action. No sanitary defects were identified during the Level 1 Assessment.

### **Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) 4**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) to collect data for contaminants that are suspected to be present in drinking water and do not have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The list of chemical contaminants below were the focus of this round of sampling. UCMR 4 results reported at or above those MRLs should be interpreted accordingly. The detection of a UCMR 4 contaminant does not represent cause for concern, in and of itself. Reference concentrations are health-based and provide context for the detection of a UCMR contaminant. They do not represent regulatory limits or action levels and should not be interpreted as an indication that the Agency (EPA) intends to establish a future drinking water regulation.

#### **2018 – 2020 UCMR4 Sampling Results for Fort Bliss Main Post Area**

Contaminate	Sample Dates	Highest Level Detected	MRL (ug/L)	Units
HAA5	11/2019, 5/2020 & 7/2020	4.809	60	ug/L
HAA6Br	11/2019, 5/2020 & 7/2020	5.506	N/A	ug/L
HAA9	11/2019, 5/2020 & 7/2020	5.707	N/A	ug/L
manganese	11/2019 & 5/2020	28.5	0.4	ug/L

#### **2018 – 2020 UCMR4 Sampling Results for Fort Bliss Biggs Army Airfield**

Contaminate	Sample Dates	Highest Level Detected	MRL (ug/L)	Units
HAA5	5/2020 & 12/2020	0.42	60	ug/L
HAA6Br	5/2020 & 12/2020	0.42	N/A	ug/L
HAA9	5/2020 & 12/2020	0.42	N/A	ug/L
manganese	5/2020 & 11/2020	0.8	0.4	ug/L

#### **2018 – 2020 UCMR4 Sampling Results for East Biggs Water System**

Contaminate	Sample Dates	Highest Level Detected	MRL (ug/L)	Units
1-butanol	2/19, 5/19, 8/19, 11/19	3.1	2	ug/L
germanium	2/19, 5/19, 8/19, 11/19	0.3	0.3	ug/L
HAA5	2/19, 5/19, 8/19, 11/19	2.04	60	ug/L
HAA6Br	2/19, 5/19, 8/19, 11/19	2.868	N/A	ug/L
HAA9	2/19, 5/19, 8/19, 11/19	3.808	N/A	ug/L
manganese	2/19, 5/19, 8/19, 11/19	2.3	0.4	ug/L

## Non-UCMR Sampling

Department of Defense's (DoD) Policy, issued July 23, 2020, requires monitoring and sampling for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at military installations where drinking water is provided by a non-DoD purveyor to ensure consumers receive safe drinking water. Accordingly, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) sampled for PFAS in August, 2022. The list of chemical contaminants below will be the focus of the upcoming round of sampling for the UCMR 5 in 2023, which will be used to collect data for contaminants that are suspected to be present in drinking water and do not have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Results reported at or above those MRLs should be interpreted accordingly. The detection of these contaminants does not represent cause for concern, in and of itself. Reference concentrations are health-based and provide context for the detection of these contaminants. They do not represent regulatory limits or action levels and should not be interpreted as an indication that the Agency (EPA) intends to establish a future drinking water regulation. Because this sampling for PFAS was a non-UCMR event, it is not required to be included in this Consumer Confidence Report, but is being provided here for informational purposes.

### 2022 Non-UCMR Sampling Results for Fort Bliss Main Post Area

Contaminate	Sample Dates	Highest Level Detected	MRL (ug/L)	Units
Perfluorohexanoic acid	08/16/22	1.9	1.7	ug/L
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	08/16/22	2.4	1.7	ug/L

## **DEFINITIONS**

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

**Level 1 Assessment**: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average)**: The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters. Amount Detected values for TTHMs and HAAs are reported as the highest LRAAs.

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

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

**MRL (Minimum Reporting Level)**: UCMR Minimum Reporting Level. The minimum concentration that may be reported by a laboratory as a quantified value for a method analyte following analysis. The MRLs were established based on the capability of the analytical method, not based on a level established as “significant” or “harmful.”

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)**: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal)**: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**N/A**: Not applicable.

**N/D**: Not Detected. Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

**NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units)**: Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**pCi/l (picocuries per liter)**: A measure of radioactivity.

**ppb (parts per billion)**: One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

**ppm (parts per million)**: One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

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