

# SUNSET WD 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report

## Covering Data For Calendar Year 2021

Public Water System ID: CO0135726

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## Our Water Sources

<u>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</u>	<u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u>
PURCHASED EAST LARIMER COUNTY WD 135233 (Surface Water-Consecutive Connection)	There is no SWAP report, please contact GARY SPIVAK at 970-222-9158 with questions regarding potential sources of contamination.

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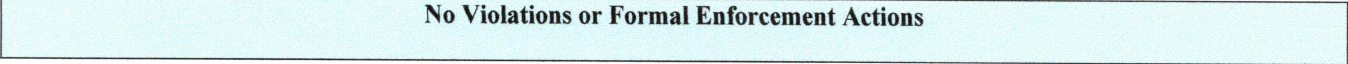
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<b>Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System</b>									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	22.5	22.5 to 22.5	1	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection



**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

**No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions**



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Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	43.74	17.4 to 69.7	16	ppb	80	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2021	0.4	0.37 to 0.42	3	ppb	1.0	.8	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

**Unregulated Contaminants\*\*\***

EPA has implemented 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. EPA uses the results of UCMR monitoring to learn about the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and to decide whether or not these contaminants will be regulated in the future. We performed monitoring and reported the analytical results of the monitoring to EPA in accordance with its Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR). Once EPA reviews the submitted results, the results are made available in the EPA's National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD) ([epa.gov/dwucmr/national-contaminant-occurrence-database-ncod](http://epa.gov/dwucmr/national-contaminant-occurrence-database-ncod)) Consumers can review UCMR results by accessing the NCOD. Contaminants that were detected during our UCMR sampling and the corresponding analytical results are provided below.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure
No UCMR contaminant testing occurred in 2021.					

**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

**Health-Based Violations**

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Name	Description	Time Period	Health Effects	Compliance Value	TT Level or MCL
F334 - STORAGE TANK RULE	FAILURE TO INSPECT STORAGE TANK(S) AND/OR FAILURE TO CORRECT STORAGE TANK DEFECTS	09/29/2021 - 01/26/2022, see below for resolution	May pose a risk to public health.	N/A	N/A
F319 - STORAGE TANK RULE	FAILURE TO INSPECT STORAGE TANK(S) AND/OR FAILURE TO CORRECT STORAGE TANK DEFECTS	09/29/2021 - 01/26/2022, see below for resolution	May pose a risk to public health.	N/A	N/A
M615 - CROSS CONNECTION RULE	FAILURE TO MEET CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL AND/OR BACKFLOW PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS	09/29/2021 - 01/26/2022, see below for resolution	See Note 1, below.	N/A	N/A
M614 - CROSS CONNECTION RULE	FAILURE TO MEET CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL AND/OR BACKFLOW	09/29/2021 – 1/26/22, see below for resolution	See Note 1, below.	N/A	N/A



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	PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS				

#### Notes

- We have an inadequate backflow prevention and cross-connection control program. Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to inadvertent contamination of the drinking water. This is due to one or more of the following: We have permitted an uncontrolled cross connection, AND/OR we have installed or permitted an uncontrolled cross connection, AND/OR we failed to comply with the requirements for surveying our system for cross connections, AND/OR we failed to complete the testing requirements for backflow prevention devices or methods, AND/OR we failed to notify the State Health Dept of a backflow contamination event.

#### Additional Violation Information

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.

Describe the steps taken to resolve the violation(s), and the anticipated resolution date:


F319: Storage tank hatch gasket replacement; January 27, 2022, violation resolved. The public was notified via a Tier 2 Notice of Violation that was issued on 12/24/2021.

F334: Developed a standard operating procedure for tank inspection and review to ensure sanitary defects are discovered, corrected and documented; January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, violation resolved. The public was notified via a Tier 2 Notice of Violation that was issued on 12/24/2021.

M614 & M615: We failed to comply with the requirements for surveying our system for cross connections, and we failed to complete the testing requirements for backflow prevention devices or methods. To resolve this we prepared and submitted an updated plan for our Cross-Connection program outlining how our future device testing, and inspection surveys will be completed; January 27, 2022, violation resolved. The public was notified via a Tier 2 Notice of Violation that was issued on 12/24/2021.

### Non-Health-Based Violations

These violations do not usually mean that there was a problem with the water quality. If there had been, we would have notified you immediately. We missed collecting a sample (water quality is unknown), we reported the sample result after the due date, or we did not complete a report/notice by the required date.

Name	Description	Time Period
 PUBLIC NOTICE	FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC/CONSUMERS – See below for public notice information	10/30/2021 - Open
LEAD & COPPER RULE	FAILURE TO REPORT – See below for public notice information	10/01/2021 - 10/22/2021

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**Re: PUBLIC NOTICE and LEAD AND COPPER RULE Non-Health-Based Violations  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER  
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**Reporting Requirements Not Met (Public Notice, Lead and Copper Rule)**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is not a public health risk, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We were failed to report required lead and copper sampling result information to the state drinking water program by 10/21/2022. We realize the importance of reporting information to the state to demonstrate whether or not your drinking water meets health standards.

We also failed to notify you of the violation/situation in a timely manner.

What does this mean? What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

What is being done?

The third-party laboratory responsible for analyzing and reporting lead and copper results to CDPHE failed to submit one sample location result (of thirty total) to CDPHE. When notified of this the laboratory promptly submitted the missing location data on 10/22/2021. In the future ELCO will ensure testing paperwork from any third-party laboratory is completed correctly and quickly before submission to the CDPHE.

The problem was resolved on 10/22/2021 (missing information submitted) For more information, please contact Randy Siddens at randys@elcower.org or 970-493-2044, or 232 South Link Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

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Date distributed: By June 30, 2022 (to be distributed with the annual water quality report)

M613 - CROSS CONNECTION RULE	Failure to Complete Annual Backflow Report for 2020 – see below for additional information	09/29/2021 – 1/26/22
M610 - CROSS CONNECTION RULE	Failure to develop or implement a written backflow program document – see below for additional information	09/29/2021 – 1/26/22

**Re: M610 and M613 Non-Health-Based Violations**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**East Larimer County Water District had the Following Violations Identified During a Drinking Water Inspection**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

A routine drinking water inspection conducted on September 2, 2021 by the state drinking water program identified the following violations that may pose a risk to public health.

**Non-Health-Based Violations**

These violations do not usually mean that there was a problem with the water quality. If there had been, we would have notified you immediately. We missed collecting a sample (water quality is unknown), we reported the sample result after the due date, or we did not complete a report/notice by the required date.

Name	Description	Time Period
<b>Identified Violation</b>	<b>Date Correction is Required</b>	<b>Steps We Are Taking</b>
M610 Management: Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Control Program - Failure to develop or implement a written backflow program document	January 27, 2022 (completed)	Will develop, implement and submit a written backflow program that includes all items required in Regulation 11.39(2)(a)
M613 - Management: Failure to Complete Annual Backflow Report for 2021	January 27, 2022 (completed)	Will complete and submit a 2022 annual backflow report.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the inspection it was identified that we did not complete all monitoring/testing, were not monitoring correctly, or were monitoring at an inappropriate location. Therefore, we cannot be sure of the drinking water quality during that time.

We also failed to notify you of the violation/situation in a timely manner.

**What does this mean? What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do at this time. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

We resolved the problem and completed correction tasks by **January 27, 2022**.

For more information, please contact **Randy Siddens** at [randys@elcowater.org](mailto:randys@elcowater.org) or **970-493-2044**, or **232 South Link Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80524**.

*\*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.\**

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**Additional Violation Information**

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.

Describe the steps taken to resolve the violation(s), and the anticipated resolution date:

Public Notice Violation: The public is being notified with distribution of information in its 2022 annual water quality report.

Lead and Copper, Failure to Report Violation: The third-party laboratory responsible for analyzing and reporting lead and copper results to CDPHE failed to submit one sample location result (of thirty total) to CDPHE. When notified of this the laboratory promptly submitted the missing location data on 10/22/21. In the future ELCO will ensure testing paperwork from any third-party laboratory be completed correctly and quickly before submission to the CDPHE, violation resolved. The public is being notified with distribution of information in its 2022 annual water quality report. M613- Completed and submitted a 2020 annual backflow report; January 27, 2022, violation resolved. The public is being notified with distribution of information in its 2022 annual water quality report.

M610- Developed, implemented and submitted a written backflow program that includes all items required in Regulation 11.39(2)(a); January 27, 2022, violation resolved. The public is being notified with distribution of information in its 2022 annual water quality report.

# SOLDIER CANYON FILTER PLANT 2022 Drinking Water Quality Report

## Covering Data For Calendar Year 2021

Public Water System ID: CO0135718

**Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.**

We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Please contact KEN GARRETT at 970-482-3143 with any questions or for public participation opportunities that may affect water quality.

### General Information

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 poses 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 (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting [epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water](http://epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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 of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

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:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants:** 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:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

### Lead in Drinking Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems (especially for pregnant women and young children). It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. 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. Additional 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 [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

### Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may have provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit [wqcdcompliance.com/ccr](http://wqcdcompliance.com/ccr). The report is located under "Guidance: Source Water Assessment Reports". Search the table using 135718, SOLDIER CANYON FILTER PLANT, or by contacting KEN GARRETT at 970-482-3143. The Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that **could** occur. It **does not** mean that the contamination **has or will** occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan. Potential sources of contamination in our source water area are listed on the next page.

Please contact us to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the Drinking Water Quality Report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.

## Our Water Sources

<u>Sources (Water Type - Source Type)</u>	<u>Potential Source(s) of Contamination</u>
POUDRE RIVER (Surface Water-Intake) HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR (Surface Water-Intake)	EPA Hazardous Waste Generators, EPA Chemical Inventory/Storage Sites, EPA Toxic Release Inventory Sites, Permitted Wastewater Discharge Sites, Aboveground, Underground and Leaking Storage Tank Sites, Solid Waste Sites, Existing/Abandoned Mine Sites, Other Facilities, Commercial/Industrial/Transportation, Low Intensity Residential, Urban Recreational Grasses, Row Crops, Fallow, Pasture / Hay, Deciduous Forest, Evergreen Forest, Mixed Forest, Septic Systems, Oil / Gas Wells, Road Miles

## Terms and Abbreviations

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Health-Based** – A violation of either a MCL or TT.
- **Non-Health-Based** – A violation that is not a MCL or TT.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** – 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.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.
- **Level 1 Assessment** – 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.
- **Level 2 Assessment** – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

## Detected Contaminants

SOLDIER CANYON FILTER PLANT routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

**Note:** Only detected contaminants sampled within the last 5 years appear in this report. If no tables appear in this section then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

### Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System

Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorite	2021	0.43	0.41 to 0.46	9	ppb	1.0	.8	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

### Total Organic Carbon (Disinfection Byproducts Precursor) Removal Ratio of Raw and Finished Water

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	TT Minimum Ratio	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Total Organic Carbon Ratio	2021	1.19	0.76 to 1.61	12	Ratio	1.00	No	Naturally present in the environment

\*If minimum ratio not met and no violation identified then the system achieved compliance using alternative criteria.

### Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System

Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Date/Month: May	<u>Highest single</u> measurement: 0.075 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Month: Dec	<u>Lowest monthly</u> percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100 %	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff


**Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System**

<b>Contaminant Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Range Low – High</b>	<b>Sample Size</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL Violation</b>	<b>Typical Sources</b>
Antimony	2021	0.24	0 to 0.94	4	ppb	6	6	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Barium	2021	0.02	0.02 to 0.02	4	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2021	0.53	0.12 to 0.69	4	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Mercury	2021	0.1	0 to 0.4	4	ppb	2	2	No	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
Nitrate	2021	0.04	0.01 to 0.1	4	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	2021	0.19	0 to 0.76	4	ppb	50	50	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

**Secondary Contaminants\*\***

\*\*Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin, or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.

Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2021	9.43	8.2 to 11.1	4	ppm	N/A



**Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions**

**No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions**