

# 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## ICR Water Users Association/ Inscription Canyon Ranch

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We are pleased to present the 2009 water quality report. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

### General Information 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 poses a health risk. 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 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**, such as viruses and bacteria that 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** that 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 also
- may come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, that 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, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality 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.

### Our Water Source(s)

The system's sources of water are listed below. ICR Water Users Assoc. has two wells located in the Mint Creek Wash

Source Water Assessments on file with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality are available for public review. If a Source Water Assessment is available, you may obtain a copy of it by contacting the Arizona Source Water Coordinator at (602) 771-4641.

Potential sources of contamination in our source water area come from: Cattle operations, Other Ranching

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.

Please contact Chris Williamson at (928-606-0563) to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the annual 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.

### **Terms and Abbreviations**

To help you understand the terms and abbreviations used in this report, we have provided the following definitions:

- **Parts 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 (µg/L)**- one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/L)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/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.
- **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.
- **Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

- **Action Level Goal (ALG)** - The “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. The ALG allows for a margin of safety.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The “Goal” is 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 Contaminant Level (MCL)**- The “Maximum Allowed” is 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Running Annual Average (RAA):** An average of monitoring results for the previous 12 calendar months.

### **Water Quality Data**

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The State of Arizona 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. Some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old.

These tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2009 unless otherwise noted.

#### **Microbiological Contaminants**

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Unit	Result	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria for Systems that collect <40 samples per month	No more than 1 positive monthly sample	0	Absent or Present	0	No	Monthly	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal coliform and E. Coli	A routine sample & a repeat sample are total coliform positive, & one is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive	0	Absent or Present	0	No	Monthly	Human and animal fecal waste

#### **Radionuclides**

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected & Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/positron emitters	Trigger level=15	0	pCi/l		NA	2005	Decay of natural and man-made deposits

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected & Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha emitters	15	0	pCi/l	NA	No	2005	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium	5	0	pCi/l		NA		Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium	30	0	ppb		NA		Erosion of natural deposits

### Lead and Copper

Contaminant	AL	ALG	Units	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Number of Sites over AL	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date/Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	1.3	1.3	ppm	1.09	0	No	08/31/09	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	15	0	ppb	.0047	0	No	08/31/09	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

### Disinfectants

	MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Level Detected & Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date/Year	Source
Chlorine	4	4	ppm	Monthly	No	2009	Water additive used to control microbes

### Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Average	Range	Highest RAA	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date/Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	80	N/A	ppb	<2	<2	<2	No	8/4/09	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	60	N/A	Ppb	2.3	0.0029	0.0029	No	8/4/09	By-product of drinking water disinfection

### Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Antimony	6	6	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic	10	0	ppb	3.3	No	08/05/09	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Asbestos	7	7	MFL	<0.2	No	2005	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits
Barium	2	2	ppm	0.04	No	08/05/09	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium	4	4	ppb	<2	No	08/05/09	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium	5	5	ppb	<0.1	No	08/05/09	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium	100	100	ppb	<5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide	200	200	ppb	<10	No	08/05/09	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride	4	4	ppm	0.49	No	08/05/09	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Mercury (inorganic)	2	2	ppb	<0.2	No	08/05/09	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	10	10	ppm	1.66	No	08/10/09	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	1	1	ppm	<0.10	No	8/10/09	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	50	50	ppb	<2	No	08/10/09	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Thallium	2	0.5	ppb	<0.5	No	08/10/09	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

### Synthetic Organic Contaminants, Including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
2,4-D	70	70	ppb	<0.1	No	6/14/06	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	50	50	ppb	<0.2	No	6/14/06	Residue of banned herbicide
Acrylamide	TT	0	N/A	NT	No	6/14/06	Added to water during sewage/wastewater treatment
Alachlor	2	0	ppb	<0.1	No	6/14/06	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Atrazine	3	3	ppb	<0.05	No	6/14/06	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Benzo (a) pyrene (PAH)	200	0	ppt	<20	No	6/14/06	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
Carbofuran	40	40	ppb	<0.5	No	6/14/06	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
Chlordane	2	0	ppb	<0.1	No	6/14/06	Residue of banned termiticide
Dalapon	200	200	ppb	<1	No	6/14/06	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	400	400	ppb	<0.6	No	6/14/06	Discharge from chemical factories
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	6	0	ppb	<0.6	No	6/14/06	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
Dibromochloropropane	200	0	ppt	<0.01	No	6/14/06	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and orchards
Dinoseb	7	7	ppb	<0.2	No	6/14/06	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables
Diquat	20	20	ppb	<0.4	No	6/14/06	Runoff from herbicide use
Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	30	0	ppq	<5	No	6/14/06	Emissions from waste incineration and other combustion; discharge from chemical factories
Endothall	100	100	ppb	<50	No	6/14/06	Runoff from herbicide use
Endrin	2	2	ppb	<0.1	No	6/14/06	Residue of banned insecticide
Epichlorohydrin	TT	0	N/A	NT	No	6/14/06	Discharge from industrial chemical factories; an impurity of some water treatment chemicals
Ethylene dibromide	50	0	ppt	<1	No	6/14/06	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Glyphosate	700	700	ppb	<6	No	6/14/06	Runoff from herbicide use
Heptachlor	400	0	ppt	<10	No	6/14/06	Residue of banned temiticide
Heptachlor epoxide	200	0	ppt	<10	No	6/14/06	Breakdown of heptachlor
Hexachlorobenzene	1	0	ppb	<0.05	No	6/14/06	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
Hexachlorocyclo pentadiene	50	50	ppb	<0.05	No	6/14/06	Discharge from chemical factories
Lindane	200	200	ppt	<0.1	No	6/14/06	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, gardens
Methoxychlor	40	40	ppb	<0.5	No	6/14/06	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, livestock
Oxamyl [Vydate]	200	200	ppb	<0.5	No	6/14/06	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes
PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls]	500	0	ppt	NT	No	6/14/06	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste chemicals
Pentachlorophenol	1	0	ppb	<0.04	No	6/14/06	Discharge from wood preserving factories
Picloram	500	500	ppb	<0.1	No	6/14/06	Herbicide runoff
Simazine	4	4	ppb	<0.05	No	6/14/06	Herbicide runoff
Toxaphene	3	0	ppb	<0.5	No	6/14/06	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle

### Volatile Organic Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Benzene	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
Carbon tetrachloride	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Level Detected/Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorobenzene	100	100	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
o-Dichlorobenzene	600	600	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene	75	75	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloroethane	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethylene	7	7	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	70	70	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	100	100	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Ethylbenzene	700	700	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Styrene	100	100	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
Tetrachloroethylene	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	70	70	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	200	200	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	5	3	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Trichloroethylene	5	0	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Toluene	1	1	ppm	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Discharge from petroleum factories
Vinyl Chloride	2	0	ppb	<0.5	No	08/05/09	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from chemical factories
Xylenes	10	10	ppm	<0.0015	No	08/05/09	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories

### Secondary Contaminants

Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects in drinking water. EPA recommends these standards but does not require water systems to comply.

### Health Effects Information About the Above Tables

**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, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

If **arsenic** is less than the MCL, your drinking water meets EPA's standards. 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.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to **lead** in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. Flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the EPA *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* at 1-800-426-4791.

**By all the standards set forth by all the various regulatory agencies your water is safe to drink.**