2021 Water Quality Report for City of Corunna

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This report covers the drinking water quality for City of Corunna for the 2021 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2021. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from the City of Owosso which has five active groundwater wells, each over 80 feet deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources.

There are no significant sources of contamination include in our water supply.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Superintendent of public works Tim Crawford at 402 North Shiawassee Street, Corunna, Mi 48817. Email: tcrawford@corunna-mi.gov.

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** 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 **U.S.** **EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

**Vulnerability of sub-populations:** 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 systems 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. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease

Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

**Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from 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, 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 and residential uses.
* **Radioactive contaminants***,* which 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 by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

# Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2021 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2021. The State allows 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. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

## Terms and abbreviations used below:

* 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 Contaminant Level (MCL): 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 (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 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.
* Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
* N/A: Not applicable
* ND: not detectable at testing limit
* ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
* ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter
* pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
* Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

| Regulated Contaminant | MCL | MCLG | Level Detected | Range | Year Sampled | Violation Yes/No | Typical Source of Contaminant |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Fluoride (ppb) Owosso results | 4 | 4 | 0.72 | 0.28 to 0.72 | 2021 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Barium (ppm) Owosso results | 2 | 2 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 2018 | NO | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits |
| TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) Corunna results | 80 | N/A | 0.0394 |  | 2021 | NO | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection |
| HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb) Corunna results | 60 | N/A |  |  | SEE Below \*\*\* | YES | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection |
| Chlorine[[1]](#footnote-1) (ppm) Corunna results | 4 | 4 | .56 | .26-.80 | 2021 | NO | Water additive used to control microbes |
| Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL) | Action Level | MCLG | Corunna Water[[2]](#footnote-2) | Range of Results | Year Sampled | Number of Samples Above AL | Typical Source of Contaminant |
| Lead\*\* (ppb) | 15 | 0 | 0 |  | 2021 | NO | Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper (ppm) | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0 |  | 2021 | NO | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |

\*The chlorine “Level Detected” was calculated using a running annual average.

\*\* Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

**\*\*\* HAA5 Haloacetic Acids** was NOT taken in the time frame as per required. The City of Corunna orders the water sample bottles from the State of Michigan Lab. The bottles were ordered in advance of the sampling period and when it was time to sample, we notify the sampling location ahead of time with COVID – 19, it needed to be approved from the owner of the sampling address. That took one week and a half to get approval to enter the sampling location as it was not open to the public. After approval was granted, a day was set and sampling took place and sent to the lab. The lab notified the city that they did not do the HAA5 Haloacetic Acids sample. When they looked at the records of what sample bottles was sent the lab forgot to sent the bottles for this sample. They sent the bottles right out; the city received the bottles 7 days later and the sample was taken and sent to the lab. The city received the laboratory report by email stating the sample was **not tested**. The city contacted the lab to see why the sample was not tested and was told that the lab had sent the city the wrong test bottles. The lab said it would send the right bottles to the city. The city notified EGLE on what had happened cause the sampling would be out of the time required to have the sampling taken as it would take a week to get the bottles. They were told of the problems we had getting the right sampling bottles and was told by at least 3 state of Michigan employees that with COVID – 19, personnel changes that there had been some issues with the lab. The city tried to get an extension to get the sample in when we received the right sampling bottles, but was told that it is out of the sampling time period so the city would get a Violation notice. The city received the notice and required that it is documented in this water quality report. In the end the State of Michigan does not have to be accountable for their mistakes.

## Additional Monitoring

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the U.S. EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether regulation of those contaminants is needed.

| Unregulated Contaminant Name | Average Level Detected | Year Sampled | Comments |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sodium (ppm) Owosso results | 46 | 2021 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Chloride (ppm) Owosso results | 91 | 2021 | Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination |

**Information about lead:** 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. City of Corunna] 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 have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. 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 or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson’s Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Our water supply has 0 lead known service lines out of a total of 845 service lines.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2020.

The City of Corunna expanded on the City’s cross connection program. For many years Commercial, Retail, and Industrial have be in the program. In 2018 we expanded to inspect all residential customers that are connected to the City’s water system. We have contracted with Hydro-Corp to do the inspections and manage our Cross Connection control Program. Our plan is to do 10% of residential connections this year and in future years until every Residential Home has been inspected.

The city is also required to have a materials inventory of water plumbing in all buildings in the city, we will be knocking on doors to take a look at your piping material coming into your building/house before and after water meter.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Corunna City Hall. You can view this report on the city web site at: [www.corunna-mi.gov](http://www.corunna-mi.gov) This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. City Council meetings are every first and third Monday of the month at 7 pm at the community center in McCurdy Park. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Tim Crawford at 989-743-3650. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at http://www.epa.gov/safewater.

1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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