



# New Mexico Environment Department

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## Drinking Water Bureau

### LIST OF CONTAMINANTS for NEW WATER SOURCES

Before the start of construction new water public water supply shall be sampled for the following contaminants. The results will dictate treatment requirements for the finished water system.

**IOCs** (Free cyanide reacts with chlorine so free cyanide has to be sampled at the source. Other contaminants are sampled after treatment and prior to the first customer. Even though the federal regulations only require monitoring for fluoride in community systems, New Mexico is more stringent. We require sampling for fluoride in non-transient non-community systems also, 20.7.10.500.A NMAC.)

#### § 141.62 Maximum contaminant levels for inorganic contaminants.

(b) The maximum contaminant levels for inorganic contaminants specified in paragraphs (b) (2)–(6), (b)(10), and (b) (11)–(16) of this section apply to community water systems and non-transient, non-community water systems. The maximum contaminant level specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section only applies to community water systems. The maximum contaminant levels specified in (b)(7), (b)(8), and (b)(9) of this section apply to community water systems; non-transient, noncommunity water systems; and transient non-community water systems.

Contaminant	MCL (mg/l)
(1) Fluoride .....	4.0

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(3) Barium .....	2
(4) Cadmium .....	0.005
(5) Chromium .....	0.1
(6) Mercury .....	0.002
(7) Nitrate .....	10 (as Nitrogen)
(8) Nitrite .....	1 (as Nitrogen)
(9) Total Nitrate and Nitrite ....	10 (as Nitrogen)
(10) Selenium .....	0.05
(11) Antimony .....	0.006
(12) Beryllium .....	0.004
(13) Cyanide (as free Cyanide).	0.2
(14) [Reserved].	
(15) Thallium .....	0.002
(16) Arsenic .....	0.010

#### Radionuclides

##### § 141.66 Maximum contaminant levels for radionuclides.

(a) [Reserved]

(b) *MCL for combined radium-226 and -228.* The maximum contaminant level for combined radium-226 and radium- 228 is 5 pCi/L. The combined radium-226 and radium-228 value is determined by the addition of the results of the analysis for radium-226 and the analysis for radium-228.

(c) *MCL for gross alpha particle activity (excluding radon and uranium).* The maximum contaminant level for gross alpha particle activity (including radium- 226 but excluding radon and uranium) is 15 pCi/L.

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(e) *MCL for uranium.* The maximum contaminant level for uranium is 30 µg/ L.

#### Secondary Contaminants (Please sample these contaminants at the source.)

##### § 143.3 Secondary maximum contaminant levels.

The secondary maximum contaminant levels for public water systems are as follows:

Contaminant	Level
Aluminum .....	0.05 to 0.2 mg/l.
Chloride .....	250 mg/l.
Color .....	15 color units.
Copper .....	1.0 mg/l.
Corrosivity .....	Non-corrosive.
Fluoride .....	2.0 mg/l.
Foaming agents .....	0.5 mg/l.
Iron .....	0.3 mg/l.
Manganese .....	0.05 mg/l.
Odor .....	3 threshold odor number.
pH .....	6.5–8.5.
Silver .....	0.1 mg/l.
Sulfate .....	250 mg/l.
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	500 mg/l.
Zinc .....	5 mg/l.