

2023 BOTTLED WATER QUALITY REPORT

Bottler's Name: Zen Beverage, LLC

Address: 444 W Ocean Boulevard Ste 150 Long Beach, CA 90802

Telephone Number: 833-33-BEZEN

Source(s): Morganton Municipal Source

Treatment process: .5 micron filtration, uv, activated carbon filtration, ozone, ro, distillation

CLIENT: UNIX
100 Ceramic Tile Drive
Morganton, NC 28655

DATE OF REPORT: Quarter 2, 2023
REPORT #: 1250-230
LABORATORY ID#: 37055

NOTE: "M" indicates that maximum levels have been exceeded, or in the case of pH, is either too high or too low
"ND" indicates that none of this analyte has been detected at or above the specified detection level
"MCL" indicates maximum contaminant level as established by US FDA for bottled water
"RL" indicates laboratory reporting limit for method
Units results are reported in mg/L unless otherwise noted

ANALYSIS PERFORMED	MCL ¹ (mg/L)	RL (mg/L)	ZEN FINISHED PRODUCT (Produced from Morganton Municipal, 1 Liter, Line 2) 1250-230 (mg/L)
Primary Inorganics			
Antimony	0.006	0.001	ND
Arsenic	0.01	0.001	ND
Asbestos	7 MFL	0.098	ND
Barium	2	0.001	ND
Beryllium	0.004	0.001	ND
Cadmium	0.005	0.001	ND
Chromium	0.1	0.001	ND
Cyanide	0.2	0.005	ND
Fluoride	See endnote ²	0.10	ND
Lead	0.005	0.001	ND
Mercury	0.002	0.0001	ND
Nickel	0.1	0.001	ND
Nitrogen, Nitrate	10	0.10	ND
Nitrogen, Nitrite	1.0	0.10	ND
Nitrogen - NO3/NO2 (NOX)	10	0.10	ND
Selenium	0.05	0.005	ND
Thallium	0.002	0.001	ND
Secondary Inorganics			
Alkalinity	--	1	13.6
Aluminum	0.2	0.010	ND
Boron	--	0.050	ND
Bromide	--	0.005	ND
Calcium	--	0.5	4.0
Chloride	250 ³	0.1	13.4
Copper	1	0.005	ND
Corrosivity	--	--	-0.36
Electrical Conductivity	-- umho/cm	10	82.8
Foaming Agents (MBAS)	--	0.2	ND
Hardness, Total	--	10	17.0
Iron	0.3 ³	0.050	ND
Magnesium	--	0.5	1.7
Manganese	0.05 ³	0.001	ND
pH	See endnote ⁴	0.1	9.61
Phenol	0.001	0.001	ND
Potassium	--	1.0	10.1
Silver	0.1	0.001	ND

Sodium	--	0.5	ND
Sulfate	250	0.2	ND
TDS	500 ^{3,5}	10	41
Zinc	5 ³	0.005	ND

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Physical			
Color	15 ³ CU	5	ND
Odor	3 ³ TON	1	ND
Turbidity	5 NTU	0.10	ND

Microbiological			
Total Coliform	Absence	1	ND
E. Coli.	Absence	1	ND
Heterotrophic Plate Count	-- cfu/mL	2	ND

Radiologicals			
Gross Alpha	15 pCi/L	2.02	ND
Gross Beta	50 pCi/L ⁵	1.55	6.58
Radium 226/228	5 pCi/L	0.738/0.640	ND / ND
Uranium	0.030	0.001	ND
Radon	-- pCi/L	12.0	ND

Volatile Organic Compounds			
EPA 524.2:			
Total Trihalomethanes	0.080	0.0005	ND
Benzene	0.005	0.0005	ND
Bromobenzene	--	0.0005	ND
Bromochloromethane	--	0.0005	ND
Bromodichloromethane	--	0.0005	ND
Bromoform	--	0.0005	ND
Bromomethane	--	0.0005	ND
n-Butylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
sec-Butylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
tert-Butylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.005	0.0005	ND
Chloroethane	--	0.0005	ND
Chloroform	--	0.0005	ND
Chloromethane	--	0.0005	ND
o-Chlorotoluene	--	0.0005	ND
p-Chlorotoluene	--	0.0005	ND
Chlorodibromomethane	--	0.0005	ND
Dibromomethane	--	0.0005	ND
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.6	0.0005	ND
m-Dichlorobenzene	--	0.0005	ND
p-Dichlorobenzene	0.075	0.0005	ND
Dichlorodifluoromethane	--	0.0005	ND
1,1-Dichloroethane	--	0.0005	ND
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.005	0.0005	ND
1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.007	0.0005	ND
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.07	0.0005	ND
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.1	0.0005	ND
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	0.0005	ND
1,3-Dichloropropane	--	0.0005	ND
2,2-Dichloropropane	--	0.0005	ND
1,1-Dichloropropene	--	0.0005	ND
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	--	0.0005	ND
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	--	0.0005	ND
Ethylbenzene	0.7	0.0005	ND

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EPA 524.2 continued:			
Hexachlorobutadiene	--	0.0005	ND
Isopropylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
p-Isopropyltoluene	--	0.0005	ND
Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE)	--	0.0005	ND
Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane)	0.005	0.0005	ND
Monochlorobenzene	0.1	0.0005	ND
Naphthalene	--	0.0005	ND
n-Propylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
Styrene	0.1	0.0005	ND
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	--	0.0005	ND
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	--	0.0005	ND
Tetrachloroethylene	0.005	0.0005	ND
Toluene	1	0.0005	ND
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	--	0.0005	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.07	0.0005	ND
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.2	0.0005	ND
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.005	0.0005	ND
Trichloroethylene	0.005	0.0005	ND
Trichlorofluoromethane	--	0.0005	ND
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	--	0.0005	ND
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
Vinyl Chloride	0.002	0.0005	ND
m+p-Xylenes	--	0.0005	ND
ortho-Xylene	--	0.0005	ND
Total Xylene	10	0.0005	ND
Add'l Organics			
EPA 504.1:			
1,2-Dibromoethane	0.00005	0.00002	ND
1,2 Dibromo-3-chloropropane	0.0002	0.00002	ND
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	0.00003	0.00002	ND
EPA 508.1:			
Chlordane (alpha and gamma)	0.002	0.0002	ND
Total PCBs	0.0005	0.0005	ND
Toxaphene	0.003	0.001	ND

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EPA 515.4:			
2,4-D	0.07	0.0001	ND
Dalapon	0.2	0.001	ND
Dicamba	--	0.0002	ND
Dinoseb	0.007	0.0002	ND
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	0.00004	ND
Picloram	0.5	0.0001	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05	0.0002	ND
EPA 525.2:			
Alachlor	0.002	0.0002	ND
Aldrin	--	0.0001	ND
Atrazine	0.003	0.0001	ND
Benzo(a)Pyrene	0.0002	0.00002	ND
Butachlor	--	0.0001	ND
Di(2-ethylhexyl)Adipate	0.4	0.0006	ND
Di(2-ethylhexyl)Phthalate	0.006	0.0006	ND
Dieldrin	--	0.0001	ND
Endrin	0.002	0.00001	ND
Heptachlor	0.0004	0.00004	ND
Heptachlor Epoxide	0.0002	0.00002	ND
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001	0.0001	ND
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05	0.0001	ND
Lindane	0.0002	0.00002	ND
Methoxychlor	0.04	0.0001	ND
Metolachlor	--	0.0001	ND
Metribuzin	--	0.0001	ND
Propachlor	--	0.0001	ND
Simazine	0.004	0.00007	ND
EPA 531.2:			
Aldicarb (TEMIK)	--	0.001	ND
Aldicarb sulfone	--	0.0016	ND
Aldicarb sulfoxide	--	0.001	ND
Carbaryl	--	0.001	ND
Carbofuran (FURADAN)	0.04	0.0009	ND
3-Hydroxycarbofuran	--	0.001	ND
Methomyl	--	0.001	ND
Oxamyl (VYDATE)	0.2	0.002	ND
EPA 547:			
Glyphosate	0.7	0.006	ND
EPA 548.1:			
Endothall	0.1	0.009	ND
EPA 549.2:			
Diquat	0.02	0.0004	ND

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EPA 1613: 2,3,7,8-TCDD (DIOXIN)	3x10-8	5.0x10-9	ND
Disinfection Byproducts			
EPA 300.1: Bromate	0.010	0.001	ND
EPA 300.1B: Chlorite	1.0	0.010	ND
EPA 552.3: Dibromoacetic acid Dichloroacetic acid Monobromoacetic acid Monochloroacetic acid Trichloroacetic acid Haloacetic Acids, Total	-- -- -- -- -- 0.060	0.001 0.001 0.001 0.002 0.001 0.001	ND ND ND ND ND ND
EPA 524.2: Total Trihalomethanes Bromodichloromethane Bromoform Chloroform Chlorodibromomethane	0.080 -- -- -- --	0.0005 0.0005 0.0005 0.0005 0.0005	ND ND ND ND ND
Residual Disinfectants			
SM4500-CL G: Residual Chlorine, Total Chloramines	4.0 4.0	0.05 0.05	ND ND
SM4500-ClO2-D: Chlorine Dioxide	0.8	0.1	ND
Miscellaneous			
EPA 331.0: Perchlorate	--	0.00005	ND

EPA approved methods were used in all of the analyses and a listing is available upon request. These test results may be used for compliance purposes as required.

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² Fluoride MCL is determined by annual average of maximum daily air temperatures where the bottled water is sold. Refer to tables found in 21 CFR 165. The MCL for bottled water to which Fluoride has been added is 0.7 mg/L.

³ Mineral water is exempt from allowable levels per 21 CFR 165.110(b)(3) and (4). The exemptions are aesthetically based allowable levels and do not relate to a health concern.

⁴ MCL established by US FDA for waters that meet the US FDA definition of "Purified" is 5-7 pH Units per the USP XXIII Standards, as referenced in 21 CFR 165.

⁵ The bottled water shall not contain beta particle and photon radioactivity from man-made radionuclides in excess of that which would produce an annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ of 4 millirems per year calculated on the basis of an intake of 2 liters of the water per day (= 50 pCi/L).

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CLIENT: UNIX
9 Minson Way
Montebello, CA 90640

DATE OF REPORT: Quarter 3, 2023
REPORT #: 1028-157
LABORATORY ID#: 56039

NOTE: "ND" indicates that maximum levels have been exceeded, or in the case of pH, is either too high or too low
"ND" indicates that none of this analyte has been detected at or above the specified detection level
"MCL" indicates maximum contaminant level as established by US FDA for bottled water
"RL" indicates laboratory reporting limit for method
Units results are reported in mg/L unless otherwise noted

ANALYSIS PERFORMED	MCL ¹ (mg/L)	RL (mg/L)	ZEN WATER VAPOR DISTILLED W/ ELECTROLYTES FP (Produced from Montebello Municipal, 1000 mL, Line 4) 1028-157 (mg/L)
Primary Inorganics			
Antimony	0.006	0.001	ND
Arsenic	0.01	0.001	ND
Asbestos	7 MFL	0.17	ND
Barium	2	0.001	0.0021
Beryllium	0.004	0.001	ND
Cadmium	0.005	0.001	ND
Chromium	0.1	0.001	0.0014
Cyanide	0.2	0.005	ND
Fluoride	See endnote ²	0.10	ND
Lead	0.005	0.001	ND
Mercury	0.002	0.0002	ND
Nickel	0.1	0.001	0.0015
Nitrogen, Nitrate	10	0.10	ND
Nitrogen, Nitrite	1.0	0.10	ND
Nitrogen - NO3/NO2 (NOX)	10	0.10	ND
Selenium	0.05	0.005	ND
Thallium	0.002	0.001	ND
Secondary Inorganics			
Alkalinity	--	1	11.7
Aluminum	0.2	0.010	0.06
Boron	--	0.050	ND
Bromide	--	0.005	ND
Calcium	--	0.5	7.3
Chloride	250 ³	0.1	13.7
Copper	1	0.005	ND
Corrosivity	--	--	-0.51
Electrical Conductivity	-- umho/cm	10	76.3
Foaming Agents (MBAS)	--	0.1	ND
Hardness, Total	--	10	26.9
Iron	0.3 ³	0.050	ND
Magnesium	--	0.5	2.1
Manganese	0.05 ³	0.001	ND
pH	See endnote ⁴	0.1	9.27

Phenol	0.001	0.001	ND
Potassium	--	1.0	ND
Silver	0.1	0.001	ND
Sodium	--	0.5	2.0
Sulfate	250	0.2	0.8
TDS	500 ^{3,5}	10	57
Zinc	5 ³	0.005	ND

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Physical			
Color	15 ³ CU	5	ND
Odor	3 ³ TON	1	ND
Turbidity	5 NTU	0.10	ND

Microbiological			
Total Coliform	Absence	1	ND

Radiologicals			
Gross Alpha	15 pCi/L	2.00	ND
Gross Beta	50 pCi/L ⁵	1.59	ND
Radium 226/228	5 pCi/L	0.978/0.697	ND / 0.718
Uranium	0.030	0.001	ND
Radon	-- pCi/L	248	ND

Volatile Organic Compounds			
EPA 524.2:			
Total Trihalomethanes	0.080	0.0005	ND
Benzene	0.005	0.0005	ND
Bromobenzene	--	0.0005	ND
Bromochloromethane	--	0.0005	ND
Bromodichloromethane	--	0.0005	ND
Bromoform	--	0.0005	ND
Bromomethane	--	0.0005	ND
n-Butylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
sec-Butylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
tert-Butylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
Carbon Tetrachloride	0.005	0.0005	ND
Chloroethane	--	0.0005	ND
Chloroform	--	0.0005	ND
Chloromethane	--	0.0005	ND
o-Chlorotoluene	--	0.0005	ND
p-Chlorotoluene	--	0.0005	ND
Chlorodibromomethane	--	0.0005	ND
Dibromomethane	--	0.0005	ND
o-Dichlorobenzene	0.6	0.0005	ND
m-Dichlorobenzene	--	0.0005	ND
p-Dichlorobenzene	0.075	0.0005	ND
Dichlorodifluoromethane	--	0.0005	ND
1,1-Dichloroethane	--	0.0005	ND
1,2-Dichloroethane	0.005	0.0005	ND
1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.007	0.0005	ND
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.07	0.0005	ND
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.1	0.0005	ND
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	0.0005	ND
1,3-Dichloropropane	--	0.0005	ND
2,2-Dichloropropane	--	0.0005	ND
1,1-Dichloropropene	--	0.0005	ND
cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	--	0.0005	ND
trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	--	0.0005	ND

Ethylbenzene	0.7	0.0005	ND
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EPA 524.2 continued:			
Hexachlorobutadiene	--	0.0005	ND
Isopropylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
p-Isopropyltoluene	--	0.0005	ND
Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE)	--	0.0005	ND
Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane)	0.005	0.0005	ND
Monochlorobenzene	0.1	0.0005	ND
Naphthalene	--	0.0005	ND
n-Propylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
Styrene	0.1	0.0005	ND
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane	--	0.0005	ND
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	--	0.0005	ND
Tetrachloroethylene	0.005	0.0005	ND
Toluene	1	0.0005	ND
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	--	0.0005	ND
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.07	0.0005	ND
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.2	0.0005	ND
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.005	0.0005	ND
Trichloroethylene	0.005	0.0005	ND
Trichlorofluoromethane	--	0.0005	ND
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	--	0.0005	ND
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	--	0.0005	ND
Vinyl Chloride	0.002	0.0005	ND
m+p-Xylenes	--	0.0005	ND
ortho-Xylene	--	0.0005	ND
Total Xylene	10	0.0005	ND
Add'l Organics			
EPA 504.1:			
1,2-Dibromoethane	0.00005	0.00002	ND
1,2 Dibromo-3-chloropropane	0.0002	0.00002	ND
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	0.00003	0.00002	ND
EPA 508.1:			
Chlordane (alpha and gamma)	0.002	0.0002	ND
Total PCBs	0.0005	0.0005	ND
Toxaphene	0.003	0.001	ND

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EPA 515.4:			
2,4-D	0.07	0.0001	ND
Dalapon	0.2	0.001	ND
Dicamba	--	0.0002	ND
Dinoseb	0.007	0.0002	ND
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	0.00004	ND
Picloram	0.5	0.0001	ND
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05	0.0002	ND
EPA 525.2:			
Alachlor	0.002	0.0002	ND
Aldrin	--	0.0001	ND
Atrazine	0.003	0.0001	ND
Benzo(a)Pyrene	0.0002	0.00002	ND
Butachlor	--	0.0001	ND
Di(2-ethylhexyl)Adipate	0.4	0.0006	ND
Di(2-ethylhexyl)Phthalate	0.006	0.0006	ND
Dieldrin	--	0.0001	ND
Endrin	0.002	0.00001	ND
Heptachlor	0.0004	0.00004	ND
Heptachlor Epoxide	0.0002	0.00002	ND
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001	0.0001	ND
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05	0.0001	ND
Lindane	0.0002	0.00002	ND
Methoxychlor	0.04	0.0001	ND
Metolachlor	--	0.0001	ND
Metribuzin	--	0.0001	ND
Propachlor	--	0.0001	ND
Simazine	0.004	0.00007	ND
EPA 531.2:			
Aldicarb (TEMIK)	--	0.001	ND
Aldicarb sulfone	--	0.0016	ND
Aldicarb sulfoxide	--	0.002	ND
Carbaryl	--	0.001	ND
Carbofuran (FURADAN)	0.04	0.0009	ND
3-Hydroxycarbofuran	--	0.001	ND
Methomyl	--	0.001	ND
Oxamyl (VYDATE)	0.2	0.002	ND
EPA 547:			
Glyphosate	0.7	0.006	ND
EPA 548.1:			
Endothall	0.1	0.009	ND
EPA 549.2:			
Diquat	0.02	0.0004	ND

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EPA 1613: 2,3,7,8-TCDD (DIOXIN)	3x10-8	5.0x10-9	ND
Disinfection Byproducts			
EPA 300.1: Bromate	0.010	0.001	ND
EPA 300.1B: Chlorite	1.0	0.010	ND
EPA 552.3:			
Dibromoacetic acid	--	0.001	ND
Dichloroacetic acid	--	0.001	ND
Monobromoacetic acid	--	0.001	ND
Monochloroacetic acid	--	0.002	ND
Trichloroacetic acid	--	0.001	ND
Haloacetic Acids, Total	0.060	0.002	ND
EPA 524.2:			
Total Trihalomethanes	0.080	0.0005	ND
Bromodichloromethane	--	0.0005	ND
Bromoform	--	0.0005	ND
Chloroform	--	0.0005	ND
Chlorodibromomethane	--	0.0005	ND
Residual Disinfectants			
SM4500-CL G:			
Residual Chlorine, Total	4.0	0.05	ND
Chloramines	4.0	0.05	ND
SM4500-CIO2-D:			
Chlorine Dioxide	0.8	0.1	ND
Miscellaneous			
EPA 331.0:			
Perchlorate	--	0.00005	ND

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The State of California requires we provide the following definitions and statements as part of this report.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Statement of quality:** The quality standards of bottled water provide the maximum legal limits for a variety of substances that are allowed in bottled water, along with their monitoring requirements. The substances include microbiological contaminants, pesticides, inorganic contaminants, organic contaminants, radiological contaminants, and others. The standards have been established by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), based on the public drinking water standards of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). CDPH adopts the FDA regulations pertinent to the quality standards of bottled water.
- **Maximum contaminant level (MCL):** MCL is the maximum level of a contaminant allowed in public drinking water.
- **Primary drinking water standards (PDWS):** PDWS are set to provide the maximum feasible protection to public health. The goal of setting PDWS is to identify MCLs, along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, which prevent adverse health effects. PDWS are established as close to the public health goal (PHG) or the maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) as is economically and technologically feasible.
- **Public health goal (PHG):** PHG is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

SOURCE WATER:

The sources of bottled water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water naturally travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can pick up naturally occurring substances as well as substances that are present due to animal and human activity. Substances that may be present in the source water include any of the following:

- (1) Inorganic substances, including, but not limited to, salts and metals, that can be naturally occurring or result from farming, urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, or oil and gas production.
- (2) Pesticides and herbicides that may come from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to, agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- (3) Organic substances that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- (4) Microbial organisms that may come from wildlife, agricultural livestock operations, sewage treatment plants, and septic systems.
- (5) Substances with radioactive properties that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.”

CONTAMINANTS 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 United States Food and Drug Administration, Food and Cosmetic Hotline (1-888-723-3366). In order to ensure that bottled water is safe to drink, the United States Food and Drug Administration and the State Department of Public Health prescribe laws and regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by bottled water companies.

Some persons may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, including, but not limited to, persons with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly persons, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These persons should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

INFORMATION on PRODUCT RECALLS:

If you would like to know whether a particular bottled water product has been recalled or is being recalled, please visit the FDA's website <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7/alerts.html>.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS, IF APPLICABLE:

If applicable, include the following statements in the bottled water report.

1. If your bottled water contains nitrate (NO₃) levels above 23 parts per million (ppm or mg/L) but below 45 ppm [the Maximum Contaminant Level for nitrate (NO₃)]:

"Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 45 mg/L is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. These nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in a serious illness. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 45 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, including, but not limited to, pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider."

2. If your bottled water contains arsenic levels above 5 parts per billion (ppb or ug/L), but below 10 ppb [the Maximum Contaminant Level for arsenic]:

"Arsenic levels above 5 ppb and up to 10 ppb are present in your drinking water. While your drinking water meets the current EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The State Department of Public Health 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, including, but not limited to, skin damage and circulatory problems."