

Constituents Often Cited by Stakeholders and Nestlé Waters Testing Results

The following chart describes maximum allowable limits under both EPA and FDA regulations, as well as Nestlé Waters' internal standards. While test results for Nestlé Waters products have never exceeded EPA or FDA allowable limits during the reporting period, we occasionally have had test results that have exceeded Nestlé Waters' internal limits, which are generally more stringent than regulatory guidelines (see Meeting or Exceeding Regulatory Requirements on page 12). In these cases, we have used the findings to identify the cause, quickly correct the situation and prevent further breaches of our internal limits.

| Factor | EPA Maximum Allowable Level | FDA Maximum Allowable Level | Nestlé Waters Internal Allowable Level | Percentage of Tests Results above Nestlé Waters Allowable Level (2007) | Percentage of Test Results above EPA and FDA Limits (2005–2007) |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Lead | 0.015 mg/L | 0.005 mg/L | <0.0005 mg/L | 0% | 0% |
| Copper | 1.3 mg/L | 1.0 mg/L | <0.050 mg/L | 0% | 0% |
| Trihalomethanes (trichloromethane, tribromomethane, dibromochloromethane, bromodichloromethane) | 0.080 mg/L | 0.080 mg/L | <0.0005 mg/L (individual) <.002 mg/L (sum) | Less than 0.5% of all tests | 0% |
| Bromate | 0.010 mg/L | 0.010 mg/L | Target: 0.0005 mg/L Max: 0.002 mg/L | Less than 0.1% | 0% |
| Nitrate | 10 mg/L | 10 mg/L | Less than 5 mg/L | 0% | 0% |
| Arsenic | 0.010 mg/L | 0.010 mg/L | <0.0014 mg/L | 0% | 0% |
| Perchlorate | N/A | N/A | <0.0005 mg/L | 0% | 0% |
| Microorganisms | | | | | |
| Total Coliform | <1 cfu/100 ml. Not more than 5% of monthly samples showing positive. No E. coli or fecal coliform positive samples | <1 cfu/100 ml. No sample to exceed 4 cfu/100 ml and arithmetic mean of 10 samples <1 cfu/100 ml | 100% of product samples negative for total coliform bacteria | Less than 0.02% of all tests | 0% |
| Heterotrophic or Total Plate Count | <500 cfu/ml | N/A | < 20 cfu/100 ml (product) <100 cfu/ml (source) | Less than 0.5% of all tests | 0% |
| Pseudomonas Aeruginosa | N/A | N/A | Absent / 100 ml | Less than 0.1% of all tests | 0% |
| Cryptosporidium | If detected, must treat so that zero remains | N/A | Absent | 0% | 0% |
| Giardia | If detected, must treat so that zero remains | N/A | Absent | 0% | 0% |