

# Consumer Confidence Report

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

GOLCONDA

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by GOLCONDA is Purchased Ground Water

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.</li> <li>- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.</li> <li>- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.</li> <li>- 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.</li> <li>- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.</li> </ul>

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 EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC 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).

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. The drinking water supplier is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standard Institute accredited certifier

to reduce lead in drinking water. if you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, contact Sanders Env at (618)534-1879. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
CC04 - GOLCONDA MASTER METER	FF IL1515050 - MILLSTONE	GW <b>Active</b>	West of the intersection of Adam Street and Clara Street

Source Water Information for Millstone WPD's susceptibility to ground water contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1997 by the Illinois EPA, was reviewed. Based on information provided in this document, a potential source of groundwater contamination is present that could pose a hazard to the community water supply wells. This site is a lime sludge lagoon located 20 feet from Well 13. Based on information provided by Millstone WPD's water supply officials, this lime sludge lagoon has changed its status (status removed) and the four wells listed in the EPA report have been properly abandoned. The community's source water is susceptible to BUC contamination from non-point sources (leaking septic tanks, etc.). Also, as a result of monitoring conducted at the wells and entry point to the distribution system, the lead pipe activities, and source water protection initiatives by the facility, the Millstone WPD's source water is not susceptible to TSC and PCB contamination. Furthermore, in consultation with the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Millstone WPD's wells are not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based on the evaluation of the following criteria considered during the vulnerability hazard process: the community's wells are properly constructed with correct integrity and proper site conditions; all potential leaks and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreaks; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate viral contamination hazard. However, having stated this, the U.S. EPA is proposing to require States to identify systems in rural, elevated, and fractured rock aquifer systems as sensitive and other systems that require possible source water monitoring. Because the community's wells are open to unconfined sand and gravel aquifers, the Illinois EPA evaluates the well production associated with the Millstone WPD's well field. The amount of overburden would provide an adequate degree of filtration to prevent the transport of pathogens into the wells.

Source Water Assessment

MSB Regulated Contaminants Detected

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 618-534-1879. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

Source of Water: MILLSTONE PWD To determine Millstone PWD's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1994 by the Illinois EPA, was reviewed. Based on information obtained in this document, one potential source of groundwater contamination is present that could pose a hazard to the groundwater pumped by the Millstone PWD community water supply wells. This site is a lime sludge lagoon located 50 feet from Well #5. Based on information provided by Millstone PWD's water supply officials, this lime sludge lagoon has changed its status (sludge removed) and the four wells listed in the above site data table have been properly abandoned. The community's source water is susceptible to SOC contamination from non-point sources related to agricultural land use. Also, as a result of monitoring conducted at the wells and entry point to the distribution system, the land-use activities, and a source water protection initiatives by the facility, the Millstone PWD's source water is not susceptible to VOC and IOC contamination. Furthermore, in anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Millstone PWD's wells are not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based on the evaluation of the following criteria considered during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate viral contamination threat. However, having stated this, the "[U.S.] EPA is proposing to require States to identify systems in karst, gravel, and fractured rock aquifer systems as sensitive and these systems must perform routine source water monitoring". Because the community's wells are open to an unconfined sand and gravel aquifer, the Illinois EPA evaluated the well hydraulics associated with the Millstone PWD's well field. The amount of overburden should provide an adequate degree of filtration to prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells.

MSB: disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. There is convincing evidence that absence of a disinfectant residual below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MSB: to reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. MSB: any applicable. MSB: milligrams per liter (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body). MSB: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - an one ounce is 3.125,000 gallons of water. MSB: milligrams per liter or parts per million - an one ounce is 7,120 gallons of water. Treatment Technology: A regulated process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

**Water Quality Test Results**

<b>Definitions:</b>	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
<b>Avg:</b>	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
<b>Level 1 Assessment:</b>	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
<b>Level 2 Assessment:</b>	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
<b>Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:</b>	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.
<b>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:</b>	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.
<b>Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:</b>	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.
<b>Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:</b>	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.
<b>na:</b>	not applicable.
<b>mrem:</b>	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
<b>ppb:</b>	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
<b>ppm:</b>	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
<b>Treatment Technique or TT:</b>	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Regulated Contaminants**

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2025	1.6	1.2 - 2.3	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2025	32	26.2 - 39	No goal for the total	50	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	92	75 - 106	No goal for the total	80	ppb	Y	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

COPPER RANGE: ND to ND

LEAD RANGE: ND to ND ( ND = No Detections )

To obtain a copy of the systems lead tap sampling data

call City Hall (618) 683-3341

Circle one: Our Community Water Supply  has / has not developed a service line material inventory.

To obtain a copy of the systems service line inventory

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**Violations Table**

<b>Arsenic</b>			
Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.			
<b>Violation Type</b>	<b>Violation Begin</b>	<b>Violation End</b>	<b>Violation Explanation</b>
MCL, AVERAGE	01/01/2023	12/31/2025	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called a maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated.

<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)</b>			
Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.			
<b>Violation Type</b>	<b>Violation Begin</b>	<b>Violation End</b>	<b>Violation Explanation</b>
MCL, LRAA	04/01/2025	06/30/2025	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called a maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated.
MCL, LRAA	07/01/2025	09/30/2025	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called a maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated.
MCL, LRAA	10/01/2025	12/31/2025	Water samples showed that the amount of this contaminant in our drinking water was above its standard (called a maximum contaminant level and abbreviated MCL) for the period indicated.

All public notices have been issued.

The Arsenic violation is due to our parent supply Millstone PWD. They are in the process of upgrading their water treatment facility to remove arsenic from their sourcewater. However, due to the current arsenic treatment process, it has caused our TTHM levels to be elevated. Once Millstones' treatment upgrade is complete, these levels should return to normal. In the meantime, we are on a strict flushing schedule to help with this situation.

Regulated Contaminants Millstone PWD

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2025	2.2	1.9 - 3	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2025	26	14 - 33	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	90	28 - 121	No goal for the total	80	ppb	Y	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2025	26	2.28 - 27.3	0	10	ppb	Y	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	07/15/2024	0.0239	0.0239 - 0.0239	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	07/15/2024	0.46	0.46 - 0.46	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Sodium	07/15/2024	27700	27700 - 27700			ppb	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.