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**Javan Colahan**

**Attn : Javan Colahan**

**KAR Project No. : 507421**

**Date Reported : 08/07/15**

**Date Activated : 08/05/15**

**Date Due : 08/07/15**

**Date Validated : 08/07/15**

**Project**

**Description : Analysis of one drinking water sample.**

Dear Client,

The laboratory analysis of your water is presented in the attached report. The purpose of this testing was to screen for key indicators of water quality, both quickly and at a low cost. This report cannot be used for Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory compliance purposes because it does not fully comply with all of the U.S. EPA regulations, mainly in the area of sample collection.

The "Comments" column of the report contains helpful guidelines for interpreting the results. Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's) established by the USEPA are included for regulated substances. Certain MCL's protect health and should not be exceeded. Other MCL's indicate aesthetic water qualities such as taste, odor, or color; and these values are enclosed in brackets [ ].

The extremely low cost of our water sampling kit does not include a professional one-on-one consultation discussing specific water problems or health concerns you may be experiencing. We suggest you visit the USEPA water website at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/>, or contact your local Public Health Department for information specific to your water supply. Always talk to your doctor about health concerns, and show him this report. If you would like additional testing of your water, please contact our Client Service Department. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Respectfully submitted by

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# DRINKING WATER LABORATORY REPORT

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Sample ID : **"House"**

Sampled By : **Javan Colahan**

Sample Date : **08/01/15**

Sample Time : **1035**

Date Received : **08/05/15**

Sample Type : **domestic**

KAR Sample No. : **507421-01W**

Test	Result	Units*	Method	Analyzed	Comments	Explanation
Prep. 1631	Completed		EPA 1631E	08/06/15 JHB		
Water Test Kit-Metals (MS)	See below		EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		
Water Test Kit-Metals (OES1)	See below		EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Water Test Kit-Metals (OES2)	See below		EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Aluminum, total	<0.1	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=[0.050 mg/L]	None found (acceptable result)
Antimony, total	<0.005	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM	MCL**=0.006 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Arsenic, total	<0.002	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM	MCL**=0.01 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Barium, total	0.24	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=2 mg/L	
Beryllium, total	<0.002	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM	MCL**=0.004 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Bismuth, total	<0.1	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Boron, total	0.16	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Cadmium, total	<0.001	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM	MCL**=0.005 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Calcium, total	41.0	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Cerium, total	<0.005	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Cesium, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Chromium, hexavalent	<0.01	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Chromium, total	<0.01	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=0.1 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Cobalt, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Copper, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=1.3 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Gallium, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Gold, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Indium, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Iron, total	0.01	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=[0.3 mg/L]	
Lead, total	<0.003	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM	MCL**=0.015 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Lithium, total	<0.05	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Magnesium, total	9.7	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Manganese, total	0.056	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=[0.05 mg/L]	
Mercury by EPA 1631	<0.025	ug/L	EPA 1631E	08/07/15 JHB	MCL**=2 ug/L	None found (acceptable result)
Molybdenum, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Nickel, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=0.1 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Niobium, total	<0.05	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Phosphorus, total, by ICP	<0.5	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Potassium, total	2.8	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Selenium, total	<0.005	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM	MCL**=0.05 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Silver, total	<0.005	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM	MCL**=[0.1 mg/L]	None found (acceptable result)
Sodium, total	60.2	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=[20 mg/L]	
Strontium, total	0.4	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Sulfur, total, by ICP	2.2	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Tantalum, total	<0.05	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Thallium, total	<0.002	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM	MCL**=0.002 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Thorium, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Tin, total	<0.1	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Titanium, total	<0.01	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Tungsten, total	<0.05	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Uranium, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Vanadium, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.8	08/06/15 NHM		None found (acceptable result)
Zinc, total	<0.02	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB	MCL**=[5 mg/L]	None found (acceptable result)
Zirconium, total	<0.05	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		None found (acceptable result)
Bacteria, E. coli	Negative		SM 9223 B	08/05/15 EIF		Negative indicates this bacteria was not detected by this screening method.

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\*\* please refer to Page 1 for more information

### \*Units of Measure

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 ppt is parts per thousand

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Sample Time : <b>1035</b>	KAR Sample No. : <b>507421-01W</b>

Test	Result	Units*	Method	Analyzed	Comments	Explanation
Bacteria, total coliform	Positive		SM 9223 B	08/05/15 EIF		A result other than "Negative" indicates a potential problem - resampling or well chlorination followed by retesting is usually recommended.
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	276	mg/L	SM 2320 B	08/06/15 AJK		
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	275	mg/L	SM 2320 B	08/06/15 AJK		
Bromide	<0.1	mg/L	EPA 300.0A	08/05/15 ALK		None found (acceptable result)
Carbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	1.39	mg/L	SM 2320 B	08/06/15 AJK		
Chloride	<1	mg/L	EPA 300.0A	08/05/15 ALK	MCL**=[250 mg/L]	None found (acceptable result)
Conductivity	511	micromhos/cm	EPA 120.1	08/05/15 AJK		
Corrosivity, Langelier Index	0.4	S.U.	SM 2330 B	08/07/15 AJK		
Corrosivity, Ryznar Index	7.0	S.U.	SM 2330 B	08/07/15 AJK		
Fluoride	0.17	mg/L	EPA 300.0A	08/05/15 ALK	MCL**=4 mg/L [2]	
Hardness	142	mg/L (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	SM 2340 B	08/05/15 JHB		
Hardness (gpg)	8.3	grains/gallon	SM 2340 B	08/05/15 JHB		
Nitrogen, nitrate	<0.1	mg/L	EPA 300.0A	08/05/15 ALK	MCL**=10 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
Nitrogen, nitrite	<0.1	mg/L	EPA 300.0A	08/05/15 ALK	MCL**=1 mg/L	None found (acceptable result)
PH	7.7	S.U.	SM 4500-H B	08/06/15 AJK	MCL**=6.5-8.5su	
Salinity	0.255	ppt	SM 2520 B	08/05/15 AJK		
Silica	15.1	mg/L	EPA 200.7	08/05/15 JHB		
Sulfate	7	mg/L	EPA 300.0A	08/05/15 ALK	MCL**=[250 mg/L]	
Tot. diss. solids, estimated	342	mg/L	EPA 120.1	08/06/15 AJK	MCL**=[500 mg/L]	

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## DESCRIPTION OF TESTS AND IF NECESSARY, TREATMENT

Always consult your doctor for health-related issues and bring along your Analytical Report. Please refer to the body of our Analytical Report for U.S. EPA Maximum Contaminant Levels and how they relate to YOUR water sample. Primary MCLs (example: MCL=0.5ug/L) should NOT be exceeded. Secondary MCLs are indicated on your report in brackets (example: MCL=[0.5ug/L]) and are non-health related which were set for aesthetic reasons (taste, color, iron staining, water spotting, etc.). Below is information based upon common questions we get:

**Bacteria, E. coli and total Coliform** These bacteria come from human and animal wastes and are found throughout the environment. Most coliform bacteria are not a health threat, but some strains are pathogenic. Testing for Coliforms is used to indicate whether other potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Kitchen faucets with an aerator screen, infrequently used faucets, and outdoor faucets are more prone to grow bacteria. Chlorination/flushing of the well and plumbing system will help reduce or eliminate the bacteria. Most public water systems maintain a low concentration of chlorine to control bacteria.

**Nitrate** The largest use of nitrates is in fertilizer. In the body, nitrates are converted to nitrites. Infants below six months of age who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. The long-term effects of Nitrate on adults is still being studied.

**Lead** A very common and quite toxic contaminant in many drinking waters that we test. Usually attributable to plumbing. The USEPA Primary Drinking Water limit is 0.015mg/L (15ug/L).

**Fluoride** Fluoride is naturally present in some water. Community water fluoridation is the adjustment of the natural fluoride level in public water systems to an optimal level to prevent tooth decay. It's a very low parts-per-million concentration (ppm). We've seen one case of over-fluorination that caused stomach illness to children at an elementary school and the neighborhood. The use of fluoride has been controversial for several decades.

**Corrosivity, Langelier Saturation Index** A negative value indicates the water will tend to be corrosive in the distribution system. A positive value indicates the water will tend to deposit calcium carbonate forming scales in the distribution system. If the Langelier Index is close to zero, then the water will neither be strongly corrosive nor scale forming.

**Ryznar Stability Index** A value of 6 or less indicates a tendency to form scale. A value 8 or more indicates a tendency to corrode metal. A value near 7 (neutral) may be slightly scale-forming or corrosive. A thin coating of scale inside a metal pipe may help protect it from corrosion.

**Hardness** If a resin-bed water softener is being used, the Calcium and Magnesium results should be low (less than 5 mg/L). If they're not, double-check all of the softener's settings and make sure the end of the suction line in the brine tank isn't clogged with salt sludge. A well-maintained resin bed should last about 20 years.

**Salinity** The saltiness or dissolved salt content of water. Groundwater, inland lakes, and rivers are typically less than 0.5 parts-per-thousand (ppt). Brackish water is 0.5 to 30 ppt. Seawater and brines are 30 to 50 ppt.

**Sulfur** Usually found in drinking water and is most often directly attributable to the sulfate ion (SO<sub>4</sub>).

**Silica** A small amount of silica is dissolved in drinking water from contact with soil.

**Total Organic Carbon** TOC does not identify specific organic contaminants. It will, however, detect the presence of all carbon-bearing molecules, thus identifying the presence of any organic contaminants, regardless of molecular make-up. A general water quality criteria for TOC is 2 mg/L for treated water and 4 mg/L for source water. TOC levels in chlorinated water influence the amount of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) that are formed in that water.

**Chloroform, Bromoform, Bromodichloromethane, Dibromochloromethane** The maximum allowable concentration of the sum of these is 100 ug/L. These compounds are collectively called Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and are commonly found in municipal water supplies. Trihalomethanes are formed when chlorine is used to disinfect water for drinking and represent a group of chemicals called disinfection byproducts. They are a byproduct of the reaction of chlorine or bromine with organic matter present in the water being treated. A good

charcoal filter is effective at removing trihalomethanes from water, just be sure to change the charcoal bed frequently to avoid bacteria and mold buildup.

**Ethylene dibromide** EDB is very rarely found in drinking water. We can report it down to 0.2 ug/L. The extremely low EPA MCL 0.05 ug/L detection limit is beyond the scope of our value-centric kits. We are however EPA certified to analyze EDB using EPA Method 504 at additional cost. Please give us a call if you have reason to believe this is a concern in your situation.

**PCBs** Polychlorinated biphenyls are very rarely found in drinking water. We can report it down to 2 ug/L. The extremely low EPA MCL 0.5 ug/L detection limit is beyond the scope of our value-centric kits. We are however EPA certified to analyze PCB using EPA Method 508 at additional cost. Please give us a call if you have reason to believe this is a concern in your situation.

**VOC TICs** Volatile Organic Tentatively Identified Compounds - in a GC-MS volatile analysis using EPA method 524.2, we directly calibrate the instrument using a 5-point calibration curve using pure and authentic analytical standards. These are called "target analytes". But we can also have the ability to detect other contaminants during the course of the test, and will report up to 60 of these "Tentatively Identified Compounds" that we may find. We use the NIST mass spectral database of about 250,000 compounds to identify the contaminant, then do a "raw" quantification. It's called raw because we did not directly calibrate the instrument with that authentic compound, but we have a pretty good idea what response it will provide. So statistically, we report the TICs to only one significant figure, whereas we use two significant figures elsewhere for organics.

**SVOC TICs** Semi-Volatile Organic Tentatively Identified Compounds - In a GC-MS semi-volatile analysis using EPA Method 525.2, we directly calibrate the instrument using a 5-point calibration curve using pure and authentic analytical standards. These are called "target analytes". But we also have the ability to detect other contaminants during the course of the test, and will report up to 60 of these "Tentatively Identified Compounds" that we may find. We use the NIST mass spectral database of about 250,000 compounds to identify the contaminant, then do a "raw" quantification. It's called raw because we did not directly calibrate the instrument with that authentic compound, but we have a pretty good idea what response it will provide. So statistically, we report the TICs to only one significant figure, whereas we use two significant figures elsewhere for organics.