

# 2024 Water Quality Report

## Donalds-Due West Water Authority

### System #SC0120001

We are pleased to provide you with this year's Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The Donalds-Due West Water Authority purchases surface water from Belton-Honea Path Water Authority that comes from the Saluda River and the City of Abbeville that comes from Rocky River/Lake Russell.

A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system. If you have any questions about this report, our source water assessment, or concerning your water utility, or if you do not have internet access, please contact Matt Cox at 864-379-2226. We want you, our neighbors and valued customers, to be informed about your water utility. Feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Donalds-Due West Water Authority office.

This report shows our water quality and what it means. Donalds-Due West Water Authority routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes and chemicals. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2024. In this table you will find the following terms and abbreviations:

**ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)**

**ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)**

**NA: not applicable**

**ND: Not detected**

**NR: Monitoring not required but recommended.**

**MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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.**

**MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.**

**TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.**

**AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.**

**Variations and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.**

**MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. 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.**

**MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. 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.**

**MNR: Monitored Not Regulated**

**MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level**

## TEST RESULTS

### Donalds-Due West Water Authority (SC0120001)

| Lead and Copper Results                    |               |                                |                  |              |                         |  |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| Contaminant                                | Violation Y/N | 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile    | Unit Measurement | Action Level | Sites over action level | Likely Source of Contamination   |
| Lead (2022)                                | N             | 0<br>Range<br>0-23             | ppb              | 15           | 1                       | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits                                   |
| Copper (2022)                              | N             | .126<br>Range<br>0-0.211       | ppm              | 1.3          | 0                       | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives |
| Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products |               |                                |                  |              |                         |  |
| Chlorine (2024)                            | N             | 0.7<br>Range<br>0.39-0.88      | ppm              | MRDLG =4     | MRDL=4                  | Water additive used to control microbes  |
| Haloacetic acids (HAAs) (2024)             | N             | 44<br>Range<br>14.8763-74.566  | ppb              | 60           | N/A                     | By-product of drinking water disinfectant  |
| TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (2024)        | Y             | 62<br>Range<br>25.7886-84.2256 | ppb              | 80           | N/A                     | By-product of drinking water chlorination  |

#### UCMR5

Unregulated contaminants are those for which U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of these contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. In 2024 Donalds-Due West Water Authority participated in the fifth round of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5). For a copy of the results please call us at 864-379-2226.

Information about these contaminants can be found at

<https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule> and <https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/datasummary-fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>

Table of Unregulated Contaminants

| Contaminants (Units) | Sample Year | Average Level Found | Range of Detection |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| HFPO-DA              | 2024        | 13.05               | 5.3-40.            |
| PFBS                 | 2024        | 1.1                 | 0-4.5              |
| PFHxA                | 2024        | 0.4                 | 0-3.2              |
| PFPeA                | 2024        | 0.9125              | 0-4                |

### City of Abbeville (SC0110001)

| Contaminant                              | Violation Y/N          | Level Detected           | Unit Measurement | MCLG | MCL   | Likely Source of Contamination  |                                |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------|-------|---|--------------------------------|
| Sodium ** Unregulated Contaminant (2024) | N                      | 3.9                      | ppm              | N/A  | N/A   | Naturally Occurring   |                                |
| Nitrate (2024)                           | N                      | 0.65 Range 0.65-0.65     | ppm              | 10   | 10    | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |                                |
| Radioactive Contaminants                 | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG             | MCL  | Units | Violation Y/N   | Likely Source of Contamination |
| Combined Radium 226/228 (2023)           | 1.04                   | 1.04-1.04                | 0                | 5    | pCi/L | N   | Erosion of natural deposits.   |

#### Turbidity

|                                | Limit (Treatment Technique) | Level Detected | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Highest single measurement     | 1 NTU                       | 0.330 NTU      | No        | Soil runoff                    |
| Lowest monthly % meeting limit | 0.3 NTU                     | 100.000%       | No        | Soil runoff                    |

### Belton-Honea Path Water Authority (SC0410011)

| Contaminant                              | Violation Y/N | Level Detected       | Unit Measurement | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination  |
|--|---------------|----------------------|------------------|------|-----|---|
| Fluoride (2024)                          | N             | 0.58 Range 0.58-0.58 | ppm              | 4    | 4   | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate (2024)                           | N             | 0.37 0.37-0.37       | ppm              | 10   | 10  | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits                               |
| Sodium ** Unregulated Contaminant (2023) | N             | 10                   | ppm              | N/A  | N/A | Naturally Occurring   |

#### Turbidity

|                                | Limit (Treatment Technique) | Level Detected | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| Highest single measurement     | 1 NTU                       | 1.290 NTU      | No        | Soil runoff                    |
| Lowest monthly % meeting limit | 0.3 NTU                     | 99.000%        | No        | Soil runoff                    |

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring, or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All 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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**If you have special health needs--**

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 microbiological 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. Donalds-Due West Water Authority 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 Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Donalds-Due West Water Authority 864-379-2226. 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>.

A lead service line inventory was completed throughout our system, in 2024. For more information on this inventory please contact us at 864-379-2226.