

# REPORTING YEAR 2020



## TAYLORSVILLE – BENNION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

# WHAT IS HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL WATER COMPANY?

### **The mission statement for Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District is as follows:**

To preserve the public health and environment through safe and reliable distribution of culinary water and collection of sanitary sewer.

Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District (TBID) is dedicated to providing safe, clean, and reliable drinking water and sanitary sewer service in a cost-effective manner. We have been able to do so through maintaining and operating a complex and highly efficient water distribution and wastewater (sewer) collection system; including 11 active wells, 16 reservoirs, 3 active booster stations, 3 fluoride and chlorine injection plants, 2 lift stations and over 244 miles of water pipeline and over 190 miles of sewer pipeline.

It is the goal of the District to provide service supporting the mission statement while maintaining conservative rates and superior customer service. The District currently has over 17,200 connections serving more than 70,000 people. The system supplies and collects approximately 4.5 billion gallons of water annually.

*To contact the District with questions or concerns visit their website [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org) or call (801) 968-9081 to speak to a customer service representative.*

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITES:**

Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org), Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District [www.jvwcd.org](http://www.jvwcd.org) or the State of Utah <http://deq.utah.gov/division.drinking.water>.

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# TEST RESULTS

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE RESULTS OF OUR MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2020.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations - Contaminants	Violation Y/N	Unit Measurement	Average	Level Detected ND/Min.-Max.	MCLG	MCL	Year Sampled	Likely Source of Contamination
Alpha emitters	N	pCi/L	0.8	-0.2 - 3.2	N/A	15	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic	N	ppb	2.8	1 - 6.6	N/A	10	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	N	ppb	49.2	26 - 62	2000	2000	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta/photon emitter	N	pCi/L	3.6	0.9 - 6.4	N/A	50	2020	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Combined Radium	N	pCi/L	1.0	-.05 - 4.7	N/A	5	2020	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Fluoride	N	ppm	0.7	0.2 - 0.9	4	4	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	ppm	1.1	0.2 - 3.1	10	10	2020	Excess fertilization
Selenium	N	ppb	2.1	ND - 5.2	50	50	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	N	ppb	22.5	ND - 60.2	N/A	80	2020	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Turbidity for Ground Water	N	NTU	0.1	ND - 0.6	N/A	5	2020	Soil runoff
Turbidity for Surface Water	N	NTU	ND	ND - 0.3	N/A	0.3 in at least 95% of the samples and must never exceed 5.0	2020	Soil runoff
HAA5	N	ppb	15.5	ND - 42.8	N/A	60	2020	By-product of drinking water chlorination

## TAP WATER SAMPLES COLLECTED FOR LEAD AND COPPER ANALYSES FROM SAMPLE SITE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

Copper a) 90% results b) # of sites that exceed the AL	N	ppb	N/A	a) 180 b) 0	1300	AL=1300	2020*	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead a) 90% results b) # of sites that exceed the AL	N	ppb	N/A	a) 3.5 b) 0	0	AL=15	2020*	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

## SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS

TDS (Total Dissolved Solids)	N	ppm	452.2	241 - 932	500	2000	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	ppm	53.9	17 - 146	No MCLG or MCL has been established by the EPA		2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	N	ppm	116.4	49.6 - 255	250	1000	2020	Erosion of natural deposits

\*Monitoring required at least every 3 years. We participated in the 4th stage of the EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR4) program by performing additional tests on our drinking water. UCMR4 benefits the environment and public health by providing the EPA with data on the occurrence of contaminants suspected to be in drinking water, in order to determine if EPA needs to introduce new regulatory standards to improve drinking water quality. Contact us for more information on this program.

## HOW TO READ THE CHART

### TABLE Definitions & Abbreviations

**ND/Low- High** - The lowest and highest values detected in multiple sources.

**Date** - Because of required sampling time frames i.e. yearly, 3 years, 4 years and 6 years, sampling dates "may" seem out of date.

**(ND) Non-Detects** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**(NE) Not Established**

**(ppm) Parts per million**

**(ppb) Parts per billion**

**(ppt) Parts per trillion**

**(pCi/L) Picocuries per liter** - A measure of the radioactivity in water.

**(NTU) Nephelometric Turbidity Unit** - A measure of the clarity of water.



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

**(MCL) Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is 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.

**(MCLG) Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal" (MCLG) is 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.

## NEED MORE INFO?

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As shown by the Test Results table, the District had no violations. Your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. Through monitoring and testing some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

In addition to the sampling outlined in the Test Results table, Taylorsville-Bennion samples for Volatile Organic Chemicals, Pesticides, Unregulated Organic Chemicals and Unregulated Pesticides. The District is continually monitoring for over 120 different drinking water contaminants. These additional chemicals were not detected. If you would like a list of the specific Pesticides and/or Organic Chemicals that we sampled for, please contact our office at 801-968-9081.



## DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN

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Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District has a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan that has been developed to minimize or eliminate any potential pollution to the water supply. It also provides more information such as potential sources of contamination, our source protection areas, and management strategies. It has been determined the District has a low-medium susceptibility level to potential sources of contamination, such as the use of home fertilizers or leaking underground storage tanks. If you have any questions or concerns about this program please call our office at (801) 968-9081.

The protection of groundwater resources takes the effort of everyone who lives in the Salt Lake Valley. Proper use and disposal of fertilizer, pesticides, used motor oil and paints are one area that you can make a difference. More information on managing household hazardous waste can be obtained by contacting Salt Lake Valley Health Department at (385) 468-3862.

## SOURCES OF POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION

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One source that is often overlooked, but has the potential to become a very serious threat, is the household garden hose. When used for cleaning drains, applying landscape chemicals, using a pressure washer or even just left lying where drainage accumulates, a garden hose can create a hazard to your health. Contaminated water, under the right conditions, may be back-siphoned into your drinking water through your hose. To prevent this from happening at your home you can easily install a Hose Bib Vacuum Breaker on your outside hose faucets. This device is specifically designed to keep undesirable substances from entering into your drinking water. This simple step can help protect everyone's water from becoming contaminated. Hose Bib Vacuum Breakers can be purchased from most home improvement and plumbing supply stores.

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## ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS

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While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA 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 such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

## FLUORIDATION

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In accordance with the Salt Lake Valley Health Department, Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District has been adding fluoride to your drinking water since October 1, 2003. The amount added by the District combines with the naturally occurring fluoride in your water to provide a concentration level of approximately 0.7 mg/l at your tap.

## LEAD IN HOME PLUMBING

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If present, elevated levels of 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. Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).



# WHERE DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM?

The majority of the District's water supply is pumped from wells that draw from the Salt Lake Valley Principal Aquifer. Additional water supplies are purchased from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD). Water received from the JVWCD is treated surface water primarily from the Deer Creek and Jordanelle Reservoirs.



# IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or are manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. 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.

The Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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).

Cryptosporidium is a microbial parasite which is found in surface water. Because Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District only uses ground water, we do not sample for cryptosporidium, but the wholesale surface water from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD) has been tested for its presence. JVWCD has reported to the District that they have not found any cryptosporidium in their water.

# DISTRICT INFORMATION

Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District employees work around the clock to provide safe drinking water to every tap. If you have any questions or concerns about your drinking water quality, you can visit or call our office at (801) 968-9081 between the hours 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Our regularly scheduled board meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the District's offices located at 1800 West 4700 South. Because the time of each month's meetings can change, please see [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org) to verify the current month's scheduled meeting time.

Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District is a proud member of the following professional organizations:

