GAMA Domestic Well Project-Monterey County Summary of Detections Above Drinking Water Standards

Constituent Type	Wells Above a Water Quality Standard	Number of Wells Tested	Constituent	Range of Detections (in wells above standard)	Primary MCL ¹ (Water Quality Standard ²)	Secondary MCL (Water Quality Standard2)
Bacteria Indicators	11	79	Total Coliform	Present or Absent	Present	
Bacteria Indicators	1	79	Fecal Coliform	Present or Absent	Present	
Major lons and General Chemistry	9	79	Nitrate (as NO ₃)	47.2 - 238 mg/L ³	45 mg/L	
Major lons and General Chemistry	5	79	Nitrite (as N)	1.08 - 2.1 mg/L	1 mg/L	
Major lons and General Chemistry	1	79	Sulfate	1090 mg/L		500 mg/L
Major lons and General Chemistry	2	79	Fluoride	2.3 - 4.8 mg/L	2 mg/L	
Major lons and General Chemistry	9	79	Perchlorate	6.24 - 45.5 μg/L ⁴	6 µg/L	
Major lons and General Chemistry	5	79	Specific Conductance	1740 - 3060 µmhos/cm⁵		1,600 µmhos/cm
Major lons and General Chemistry	4	79	pН	6.34 - 8.12		6.5-8.5 ⁶
Major lons and General Chemistry	5	79	Total Dissolved Solids	1070 - 2360 mg/L		1,000 mg/L
Metals	1	79	Aluminum	545 µg/L		200 µg/L
Metals	8	79	Arsenic	14.2 - 63.6 µg/L	10 µg/L	
Metals	3	79	Cadmium	7.2 - 31.4 µg/L	5 µg/L	
Metals	13	79	Manganese	50.1 - 268 µg/L		50 µg/L
Metals	6	79	Iron	377 - 2980 μg/L		300 µg/L
Metals	1	79	Lead	33.2 µg/L	15 µg/L ⁷	
Metals	18	79	Thallium	2.1 - 9.3 µg/L	2 µg/L	
Radionuclides	1	79	Uranium	21 pCi/L ⁸	20 pCi/L	
Non-Routine Detections	4	13	Hexavalent Chromium	11.0 - 18.4 µg/L	10 μg/L ⁹	

¹ MCL – maximum contaminant level

² Water Quality Standards are used for reference purposes only since private domestic well water is not regulated in California.

³ mg/L – milligrams per liter

 ⁴ μg/L – micrograms per liter
⁵ μmhos/cm – micromhos per centimeter
⁶ USEPA Water Quality Standard

⁷ USEPA Action Level

⁸ pCi/L – picocuries per liter

⁹ Division of Drinking Water (DDW -formerly the CDPH) MCL of 10 µg/L