



## U.S. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY NAPLES CAPODICHINO



### 2020 DRINKING WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

#### Is our water safe to drink?

Yes. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Capodichino drinking water system provides water that is safe and "Fit For Human Consumption" (FFHC, or potable) as determined by the Installation Commanding Officer's Record of Decision dated 16 January 2014 and as routinely confirmed by laboratory sampling results (received monthly, quarterly, and yearly). We are proud to support the Navy's commitment to provide safe and reliable drinking water to our service members and their families. This annual Consumer Confidence Report for calendar year 2020 includes general and mandatory information to educate everyone about our water sources, treatment processes, standard requirements, and other details to help assure you that our water is safe to drink.

Our drinking water fully complies with the Department of Defense's (DoD) Italy Environmental Final Governing Standards (FGS), which are derived from the U.S. DoD Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document (OEBGD), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Italy's drinking water standards. When Italy and U.S. standards differ, the *most protective* requirement is adopted into the FGS. A detailed list of constituents found in our drinking water is included in this report, along with a comparison to the maximum levels considered safe for the general public by these standards.

#### Where does our water come from and how is it treated?

NSA Naples Capodichino purchases partially treated water from Azienda Speciale Acqua Bene Comune Napoli (ABC). ABC obtains water from several springs in the Matese and Terminio Massif Mountains northeast of Naples and provides water disinfection using sodium hypochlorite. To monitor the quality of the water delivered to its customers, ABC routinely collects and analyzes water samples at several points along its aqueduct every week. At the same time, samples are also submitted to the local Italian health department (ASL Napoli 1) for testing. For the Naples Capodichino area, ABC performs water quality monitoring at Via Icaro. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Naples Public Works Department further treats the water through Reverse Osmosis and adds sodium hypochlorite as disinfectant to ensure that NSA Naples Capodichino's tap water meets all aforementioned regulatory requirements throughout the water distribution system.

#### Why are there contaminants in drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants. 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.

Due to this, some contaminants may be present in source drinking water, such as:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from wildlife, sewage treatment plants, septic systems, and livestock;

- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses;
- **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;
- **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; and
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, regulations limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Regular sampling is conducted to detect the level of contaminants in the water system. If the results are above regulatory limits, you will be notified by e-mail and Public Notification. You can learn more about contaminants and any potential health effects by visiting the EPA's Drinking Water Standards web site:

<https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/drinking-water-contaminant-human-health-effects-information>

### Source water assessment

In May 2017, NAVFAC together with the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC) conducted a comprehensive sanitary survey of the NSA Naples Capodichino drinking water system. Sanitary surveys are performed every three years and provide an evaluation of the adequacy of the drinking water source, facilities, equipment, operation and maintenance for producing and distributing safe drinking water. NAVFAC is continually improving the drinking water system based on the recommendations contained in the sanitary survey reports. Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the 2020 Sanitary Survey will be conducted in 2021.

### Some people must use special precautions

There are people who 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/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the following USEPA Safe Drinking Water webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>

### Additional information for lead

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. NAVFAC Naples Public Works is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water at Capodichino and has direct control over the materials used in plumbing components on the facility. This ensures that no lead service lines or components are used on the drinking water system. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the following USEPA Safe Drinking Water webpage: [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead)

## Additional information for polyfluoroalkyl substances

- **What are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and where do they come from?**

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of thousands of man-made chemicals. PFAS have been used in a variety of industries and consumer products around the globe, including in the United States, since the 1940s. PFAS have been used to make coatings and products that are used as oil and water repellents for carpets, clothing, paper packaging for food, and cookware. They are also contained in some foams (aqueous film-forming foam or AFFF) used for fighting petroleum fires at airfields and in industrial fire suppression processes because they rapidly extinguish fires, saving lives and protecting property. PFAS chemicals are persistent in the environment and some are persistent in the human body – meaning they do not break down and they can accumulate over time.

- **Is there a regulation for PFAS in drinking water?**

There is currently no established U.S. federal water quality regulation for any PFAS compounds. In May 2016, the EPA established a health advisory (HA) level at 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for individual or combined concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). Both chemicals are types of PFAS.

Out of an abundance of caution for your safety, the DoD PFAS testing and response actions go beyond the requirements included in the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act on the quality of water intended for human consumption. In 2020 the DoD promulgated a policy to monitor drinking water for PFAS at all service owned and operated water systems at a minimum of every three years.

The EPA's health advisory states that if water sampling results confirm that drinking water contains PFOA and PFOS at individual or combined concentrations greater than 70 parts per trillion, water systems should quickly undertake additional sampling to assess the level, scope, and localized source of contamination to inform next steps.

- **Has NSA Naples Capodichino tested its water for PFAS?**

Yes. In November 2020, samples were collected from the Capodichino Water Treatment Plant. We are pleased to report that drinking water testing results were below the Method Reporting Limit (MRL) for all 18 PFAS compounds covered by the sampling method, including PFOA and PFOS. This means that PFAS were not detected in your water system. In accordance with DoD policy, the water system will be resampled every three years for your continued protection.

## Water Quality Data Tables

During 2020, more than 500 tests were performed at NSA Naples Capodichino for over 150 contaminants. Unless otherwise noted, Table 1 below only lists the contaminants that were detected during calendar year 2020. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. All contaminants detected in NSA Naples Capodichino drinking water are below the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) allowed by FGS and EPA applicable requirements. Table 2 lists the 18 PFAS compounds that were tested in 2020. None of the 18 PFAS compounds, including PFOA and PFOS, were detected in the water system.

**Table 1: Water Quality Data**

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	EPA MCL, TT, or MRDL	FGS MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Year	Violation	Typical Source
					Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-products (There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)									
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	4 <sup>1</sup>	0.85 <sup>2</sup>	0.34	0.85	2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine Dioxide (ppb)	800	800	800 <sup>1</sup>	180 <sup>2</sup>	3	180	2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Bromate (ppb)	0	10	10	1.62	NA		2020	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite (ppm)	0.8	1	0.7	0.0261	ND	0.0261	2020	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants									
Barium (ppm)	2	2	2.0	0.0042	NA		2020	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorides (ppm)	NA	250 <sup>3</sup>	250	28	NA		2020	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	50	1.5	NA		2020	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppb)	NA		20	1.3	NA		2020	No	Leaching from metals in contact with drinking-water, such as pipes and fittings
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	10	1.7	0.3	1.7	2020	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	NA		200	29	NA		2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	EPA MCL, TT, or MRDL	FGS MCL	Your Water	Range		Sample Year	Violation	Typical Source
					Low	High			
Sulfate (ppm)	NA		250	6.4	NA		2020	No	Discharge from mines and smelters and from kraft pulp and paper/textile mills and tanneries
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>									
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700		700	0.53	NA		2020	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
<b>Radioactive Contaminants (Tested every 4 years)</b>									
Beta/photon emitters (pCi/L)	0	50	50	2.3	1.8	2.3	2020	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. The EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for Beta particles.
Radium [Combined 226/228] (pCi/L)	0	5	5	0.3	0.14	0.3	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>NOTES:</b> <sup>1</sup> MCL from Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document (OEBGD) <sup>2</sup> Samples collected in the drinking water distribution system <sup>3</sup> SMCL: EPA secondary MCL									
<b>Inorganic Contaminants at Consumer Taps</b>									
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Year	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source		
Copper [Action level at consumer taps] (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.12	2019	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits		
Lead – [Action level at consumer taps] (ppb)	0	15	2.9	2019	0	No			

**Table 2: PFAS Compounds**

<b>Polyfluoroalkyl Compounds (PFAS)</b>					
<b>Contaminants</b>	<b>EPA Health Advisory Level (HAL)</b>	<b>Your Water</b>	<b>Sample Year</b>	<b>Exceeds HAL</b>	<b>Typical Source</b>
11CI-PF3OUdS/F53B Major (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	Manufacturing facilities, landfills, wastewater treatment plants, firefighting training facilities
9CI-PF3ONS/F53B Minor (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
DONA/ADONA Acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
HFPO-DA/Gen X Acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
NEtFOSAA (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
NMeFOSAA (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorodecanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorododecanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorohexanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorononanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorooctanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorotetradecanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluorotridecanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	
Perfluoroundecanoic acid (ppt)	70	ND	2020	No	

<b>Unit Descriptions</b>	
<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended
pCi/L	pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppt	ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
PQL	Practical Quantitation Limit of the best method

<b>Important Drinking Water Definitions</b>	
<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
AL	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.
HAL	EPA Health Advisory Level: established for individual or combined concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) Both chemicals are types of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: 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 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.
MNR	Monitored Not Regulated.
MPL	State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level.
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.
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.
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level: The level of a contaminant established as a guideline that is not considered to present a risk to human health at the SMCL.
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Variances and Exemptions	EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

### **Violation(s) or Exceedance(s)**

No drinking water quality violations or exceedances occurred during 2020

### **Points of Contact**

If you have any questions regarding this report or about the drinking water treatment processes, please contact the Public Works Department Environmental Office, members of the Installation Water Quality Board, at DSN 626-6644 or commercial 081-568-6644.

For any health related questions, please contact the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples Preventive Medicine Office, members of the Installation Water Quality Board, at DSN 626-5486 or commercial 081-568-5486.