

MCL - Maximum contaminant level means the maximum permissible level of a contaminant in water which is delivered to any user of a public water system.

SMCL - non-mandatory water quality standards. EPA does not enforce these "secondary maximum contaminant levels" or "SMCLs." They are established only as guidelines to assist public water systems in managing their drinking water for aesthetic considerations, such as taste, color and odor. These contaminants are not considered to present a risk to human health at the SMCL.

EMEG - Environmental Media Evaluation Guide. EMEGs represent concentrations of substances in water, soil, and air to which humans may be exposed during a specified period of time (acute, intermediate or chronic) without experiencing adverse health effects.

Comparison Value - refers to the number against which the well concentration is compared (e.g., MCL, EMEG, etc.)

"J" Data Qualifier - Indicates that the chemical is present but the concentration is an estimation.

Maximum – the highest value found in the data review to date of that contaminant