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# Drinking Water Updates/Review

## Water System Types:

### Public Water Systems:

Community (15+ connections and/or 25+ residents)

Nontransient-noncommunity (NTNC)

Transient-noncommunity (TNC)

### State Small Water Systems:

5-14 connections and less than 25 residents

# Drinking Water Updates/Review

- 2024 Permit Renewals and Invoicing
- State Small water system production reporting
- County Water System Records
- 2023 Electronic Annual Report (EAR) release date and deadline (public water systems only)
- Chromium-6 Maximum Contaminant Level (public water systems only)
- Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook (public water systems only)

## 2024 Permit Renewals and Invoicing

- Invoices to be mailed within the next week
- Emailed invoices available by request
- Payment deadline: 2/29/24
- Current permits still valid!
- Permit fee increases

# State Small Production Reporting

- Usually due by January 15<sup>th</sup> each year
- Due to delayed invoices, not due until February 15<sup>th</sup> this year
- Contact information will be mailed with each state small system invoice to confirm it is up to date
- Meters readings must be taken every month! (County Code requirement)
- SurveyMonkey link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NK3S7P>

# County Water System Records

County of Santa Cruz



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## How can we help you today?

**LOBBY HOURS:**

**Walk-ins:**

Mon.–Thurs. 8am–12pm

**Call for Appointments:**



# County Water System Records

# Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Documents

Santa Cruz County Environmental Health (EH) enables you to view various types of documents including inspection reports, permits, drawings and other types of documents created by or submitted to EH.

You can search for documents using a business name, street address, or APN (include dashes in APNs - 012-345-67) or search by entering the type of program: food facility, hazmat, pools, general complaints, etc. of the document.

## DOCUMENT SEARCH

- [Food Facility Documents](#) – find food facility inspection reports and permits
- [Hazardous Materials Documents](#) – find hazardous material permits, inspection reports and more
- [Pools & Spas Documents](#) – find pool/spa inspection reports
- [Septic System & Well Documents](#) – find septic system/well document permits, plans, drawings, and reports
- [All Documents](#) – find documents across all categories



## 2023 Electronic Annual Report (EAR)

- 2023 EAR to be released on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- Deadline to submit 2023 EAR is April 1st, 2024
- EAR Workshop planned for February or March to assist with completion of report, to be announced
- \*Production reporting to be reported in new drought portal starting this year (SAFER Clearinghouse):

<https://drought.waterboards.ca.gov>

# Chromium-6 Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)

- No current MCL for Chromium-6/Hexavalent Chromium [50 parts per billion (ppb) MCL for Chromium (Total)]
- Proposed MCL: 10 ppb
- Expected to be finalized in 2024
- Community and NTNC systems must sample for Chromium-6 and comply with MCL
- Known high levels (natural) in South County (Watsonville/Aptos)

# Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook (CCCPH)

- New set of regulations in development for water system cross connection control programs
- Every public water system must have a cross connection control program (currently required)
- Backflow prevention is important for every water system!



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3. If you want a sample to count towards regulatory compliance, you must label it properly on the COC!

**Bacteria samples and Chemical samples have different requirements to ensure reporting is completed**







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3. For chemical testing, uploading results to DWW is how your sample schedules get updated and how County staff determine compliance.



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# Drought Reporting Requirements (Public Water Systems only)

\*State Water Board slides (presentation from EAR  
Input Forum #2)

**Thank You!**

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