



2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Scotland County Water – North

Water System Number: NC 03-83-030

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When You Turn on Your Tap, Consider the Source

The water that is used by this system is purchased from Laurinburg-Maxton Airport. The water that is used by the airport is sourced from the ground via 7 (seven) wells that withdraw water from the Black Creek Aquifer at a rate of approximately 350 gallons per minute. The Laurinburg-Maxton Airport is located in the Lumber River sub-basin and the Big Shoe Heel Creek sub-basin. A copy of the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport 2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is attached starting on page 6 this document..

Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Results

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The relative susceptibility rating of each source for Scotland County – North (Laurinburg-Maxton Airport) was determined by combining the contaminant rating (number and location of PCSs within the assessment area) and the inherent vulnerability rating (i.e., characteristics or existing conditions of the well or watershed and its delineated assessment area). The assessment findings are summarized in the table below:

Susceptibility of Sources to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs)

Source Name	Susceptibility Rating	SWAP Report Date
Well # 01A	Higher	September 10, 2020
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The complete SWAP Assessment report for the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport water system may be viewed on the Web at: <https://www.ncwater.org/?page=600>. Note that because SWAP results and reports are periodically updated by the PWS Section, the results available on this website may differ from the results that were available at the time this CCR was prepared. If you are unable to access your SWAP report on the web, you may mail a written request for a printed copy to: Source Water Assessment Program – Report Request, 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1634, or email requests to swap@deq.nc.gov. Please indicate your system name, number, and provide your name, mailing address and phone number. If you have any questions about the SWAP report, please contact the Source Water Assessment staff by phone at (919) 707-9098.

It is important to understand that a susceptibility rating of “higher” does not imply poor water quality, only the system’s potential to become contaminated by PCSs in the assessment area.

Help Protect Your Source Water

Protection of drinking water is everyone’s responsibility. You can help protect your community’s drinking water source(s) in several ways: (examples: dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center, volunteer in your community to participate in group efforts to protect your source, etc.).

Violations that Your Water System Received for the Report Year

During 2024, or during any compliance period that ended in 2024, Scotland County – North received one monitoring & reporting violation in September of 2024 for failure to take the required samples for Disinfection Byproducts (TTHM & HAA5) during the annual testing period.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Violation Awareness Date: September 20, 2024

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the compliance period specified in the table below, we **did not** monitor or test for the contaminants listed and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

CONTAMINANT GROUP**	FACILITY ID NO./ SAMPLE POINT ID	COMPLIANCE PERIOD BEGIN DATE	NUMBER OF SAMPLES/ SAMPLING FREQUENCY	WHEN SAMPLES WERE TAKEN (Returned to Compliance)
HAA5	D01	JANUARY 1, 2024	1 PER YEAR	Samples will be taken in August of 2025.
TTHM	D01	JANUARY 1, 2024	1 PER YEAR	Samples will be taken in August of 2025.

(HAA5)- Haloacetic Acids - include Monochloroacetic Acid, Dichloroacetic Acid, Trichloroacetic Acid, Monobromoacetic Acid, Dibromoacetic Acid.

(TTHM) - Total Trihalomethanes - include Chloroform, Bromoform, Bromodichloromethane, and Dibromochloromethane.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time.

What is being done? Scotland County is working with the contract system operator to be sure procedures are put into place to collect as required.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information about this violation, please contact the responsible person listed in the first paragraph of this report.

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- **Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfection Level (MRDL)** – 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.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG)** – 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.
- **Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA)** – The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters under the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule.
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Water Quality Data Tables of Detected Contaminants

We routinely monitor for over 150 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables below list all the drinking water contaminants that we detected in the last round of sampling for each particular contaminant group. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. **Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2024.** The EPA and the State allow us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Contaminants detected at the source water wells can be found in the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport 2024 Water Quality report starting on page 5. Contaminants that apply to the Scotland County (North) system will be bordered by a red box.

Lead and Copper Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water (90 th Percentile)	Number of sites found above the AL	Range		MCLG	AL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
Copper (ppm) (90 th percentile)	July 2022	0.079 ppm	0	ND	0.116	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb) (90 th percentile)	July 2022	4 ppb	0	ND	5	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

The table above summarizes our most recent lead and copper tap sampling data. If you would like to review the complete lead tap sampling data, please email us at dtyson@scotlandcounty.org.

We have been working to identify service line materials throughout the water system and have prepared an inventory of all service lines in our water system. The water system was installed after the State Lead Ban in 1987 and contains no lead service lines. To access this inventory, you may view a printed or electronic copy at the Scotland County administration building located at 517 Peden Street in Laurinburg.

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Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5)

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TTHM (ppb)	2023	N	5 ppb	N/A	N/A	N/A	80	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 (ppb)	2023	N	1 ppb	N/A	N/A	N/A	60	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

**** THM & HAA5 samples were not taken as required in 2024. **** More information is shown in the Violations section on page 2 of this report.

Disinfectant Residuals Summary

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Nitrate/Nitrite Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	8/29/2024	N	ND	ND	ND	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	8/29/2024	N	ND	ND	ND	1	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

The PWS Section requires monitoring for other misc. contaminants, some for which the EPA has set national secondary drinking water standards (SMCLs) because they may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, and/or color) in drinking water. The contaminants with SMCLs normally do not have any health effects and normally do not affect the safety of your water.

Other Miscellaneous Water Characteristics Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	Range		SMCL
			Low	High	
Iron (ppm)	10/27/2022	0.311 ppm	0.091	0.311	0.3
Manganese (ppm)	10/27/2022	0.022 ppm	0.011	0.022	0.05
Sodium (ppm)	10/27/2022	17.0 ppm	12.9	17.0	N/A
pH	10/27/2022	7.7	7.6	7.7	6.5 to 8.5