



Source Water Assessment

A Hydrogeologic Susceptibility and Vulnerability Assessment for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Drinking Water System, Mentasta Lake, Alaska

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The Drinking Water Protection Program (DWPP) is producing Source Water Assessments in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996. Each assessment includes a delineation of the source water area, an inventory of potential and existing contaminant sources that may impact the water, a risk ranking for each of these contaminants, and an evaluation of the potential vulnerability of these drinking water sources.

These assessments are intended to provide public water systems owners/operators, communities, and local governments with the best available information that may be used to protect the quality of their drinking water. The assessments combine information obtained from various sources, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), public water system owners/operators, and other public information sources. The results of this assessment are subject to change if additional data becomes available. It is anticipated this assessment will be updated every five years to reflect any changes in the vulnerability and/or susceptibility of public drinking water source. If you have any additional information that may affect the results of this assessment, please contact the Program Coordinator of DWPP, (907) 269-7521.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex has one Public Water System (PWS) well. It is assumed that the well (PWSID# 381498.001) has been used as a drinking water source since it was drilled in approximately 1989.

The well is a Class A (community and non-transient non-community) water system located in Mentasta Lake, Alaska. Available records indicate that drinking water is stored in 3 tanks for a combined volume of 4,200 gallons. Water is softened, but not disinfected. The dates of operation for this system are unknown, but it is assumed to operate year round. This system serves approximately 50 nonresidents and 34 residents through four service connections. The wellhead received a susceptibility rating of Very High and the aquifer received a susceptibility rating of Low. Combining these two ratings produce a Medium rating for the natural susceptibility of the well.

Identified potential and current sources of contaminants for the public drinking water source include: large capacity septic system, laundromat without dry cleaning, domestic wastewater collection system, domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal pond, aboveground fuel tanks, landfill, DEC recognized contaminated sites, rail corridors, and roads. These identified potential and existing sources of contamination are considered as sources of bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals contaminant categories.

Overall, the water well received a vulnerability rating of **High** for the bacteria and viruses, nitrates and nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals contaminant categories.

PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

The Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex spring is a Class A (community/non-transient/non-community) public water system. The system is located in Mentasta Lake, Alaska (Sec. 07, T013N, R009E, Copper River Meridian; see Map A of Appendix A). Mentasta Lake is located 6 miles off the Tok-Slana Cutoff of the Glenn Highway on the west side of Mentasta Pass, 38 miles southwest of Tok Junction. The community has a population of 143 (ADCED, 2003). Average annual precipitation in Mentasta Lake is 16 inches, with 69 inches of snowfall. Temperatures range from -57 to 93°F.

About half of the community of Mentasta Lake obtains their water supply from individual wells, while most others utilize a public water system. About half of the residences utilize individual septic systems and the rest make use of honeybuckets or outhouses. Mentasta Lake receives electrical power from Alaska Power Company, which is privately operated. Power generating facilities are fueled by diesel (ADCED, 2003).

According to information supplied by ADEC for the Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex PWS, the depth of the primary water well is 351 feet below the ground surface. The well is screened and based on the well log, is confined by 134' of silty clay. Confined aquifers are less susceptible to groundwater impacts resulting from the downward migration of surface contaminants. The well is not located in a floodplain.

Information acquired from a January 2002 sanitary survey for the public water system indicated that the land surface was sloped away from the well. Generally, land surfaces that slope away from the wellhead promote surface water drainage, which reduces potential of contaminant migration down the well casing annulus. The well is grouted according to ADEC regulations. Proper grouting provides added protection against contaminants traveling along the well casing annulus and into source waters.

Mentasta Lake lies toward the east end of the Alaska Range, north of the Copper River basin, southeastern Interior Alaska. The Copper River basin, ranging from 500 to over 4,000 feet above sea level, is an intermontane basin rimmed by peaks of the Chugach, Alaska, Talkeetna, and Wrangell mountains. The terrain of the basin consists of two physiographic sub-units: the rolling, hummocky Copper River basin piedmont surface, and the Copper River basin trough. The Copper River basin trough is generally flat and lacks the hummocky, rolling character of the piedmont surface. Glaciers from the Chugach, Alaska, Talkeetna, and Wrangell ranges invaded the basin, perhaps at times filling it and flowing across the divides to the north, west, east, and south. This extensive glaciation has resulted in the deposition of a large thickness of coarse glacial boulder clays (till) and coarse outwash gravel and sand on the piedmont surface, with finer till and outwash interbedded with lake deposits in the basin trough (Nochols, 1956).

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION AREA

In order to evaluate whether a drinking water source is at risk, we must first evaluate what are the most likely pathways for surface contamination to reach the groundwater. These areas are determined by looking at the characteristics of the soil, groundwater, aquifer, and spring.

The most probable area for contamination to reach the drinking water spring is the area that contributes water to the spring, the groundwater recharge area. This area is designated as the drinking water protection area (DWPA). Because releases of contaminants within the protection area are most likely to impact the drinking water spring, this area will serve as the focus for voluntary protection efforts.

An analytical calculation was used to determine the size and shape of the DWPA for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex PWS. The input parameters describing the attributes of the aquifer in this calculation were adopted from Groundwater (Freeze and Cherry, 1979). Available geology and groundwater contours were also considered to take into account any uncertainties in groundwater flow and aquifer characteristics to arrive at a meaningful protection area.

The protection areas established for springs by the ADEC are usually separated into four zones, limited by the watershed. These zones correspond to differences in the time-of-travel (TOT) of the water moving through the aquifer to the well (Please refer

to the Guidance Manual for Class A Public Water Systems for additional information).

The time of travel for contaminants within the water varies and is dependent on the physical and chemical characteristics of each contaminant. The following is a summary of the four protection area zones for wells and the calculated time-of-travel for each:

Table 1. Definition of Zones

Zone	Definition
A	½ the distance for the 2-yr. time-of-travel
В	Less than the 2 year time-of-travel
C	Less Than the 5 year time-of-travel
D	Less than the 10 year time-of-travel

The DWPA for the Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex PWS was determined using an analytical calculation and includes Zones A, B, and D (See Map A of Appendix A).

INVENTORY OF POTENTIAL AND EXISTING CONTAMINANT SOURCES

The Drinking Water Protection Program has completed an inventory of potential and existing sources of contamination within the Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex DWPA. This inventory was completed through a search of agency records and other publicly available information. Potential sources of contamination to the drinking water aquifer include a wide range of categories and types. Potential drinking water contaminants are found within agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial areas, but can also occur within areas that have little or no development.

For the basis of all Class A public water system assessments, six categories of drinking water contaminants were inventoried. They include:

- Bacteria and viruses,
- Nitrates and/or nitrites,
- Volatile organic chemicals,
- Heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals,
- Synthetic organic chemicals,
- Other organic chemicals.

The sources are displayed on Map C of Appendix C and summarized in Table 1 of Appendix B.

RANKING OF CONTAMINANT RISKS

Once the potential and existing sources of contamination have been identified, they are assigned a ranking according to what type and level of risk they represent. Ranking of contaminant risks for a "potential" or "existing" source of contamination is a function of toxicity and volumes of specific contaminants associated with that source. Rankings include:

- Low,
- Medium.
- High, and
- Very High.

The time-of-travel for contaminants within the water varies and is dependent on the physical and chemical characteristics of each contaminant. Bacteria and Viruses are only inventoried in Zones A and B because of their short life span. Only "Very High" and "High" rankings are inventoried within the outer Zone D due to the probability of contaminant dilution by the time the contaminants get to the well. Tables 2 through 4 in Appendix B contain the ranking of potential and existing sources of contamination with respect to bacteria and viruses, nitrates and/or nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals.

VULNERABILITY OF THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

Vulnerability of a drinking water source to contamination is a combination of two factors:

- Natural susceptibility, and
- Contaminant risks.

Appendix D contains fourteen charts, which together form the 'Vulnerability Analysis' for a source water assessment for a public drinking water source. Chart 1 analyzes the 'Susceptibility of the Wellhead' to contamination by looking at the construction of the well and its surrounding area. Chart 2 analyzes the 'Susceptibility of the Aguifer' to contamination by looking at the naturally occurring attributes of the water source and influences on the groundwater system that might lead to contamination. Chart 3 analyzes 'Contaminant Risks' for the drinking water source with respect to bacteria and viruses. The 'Contaminant Risks' portion of the analysis considers potential sources of contaminants as well as a review of contamination that has or may have occurred, but has not arrived or been detected at the well. Chart 4

contains the 'Vulnerability Analysis for Bacteria and Viruses'. Charts 5 through 14 contain the Contaminant Risks and Vulnerability Analyses for nitrates and nitrites, volatile organic chemicals, heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals, synthetic organic chemicals, and other organic chemicals, respectively.

A score for the Natural Susceptibility is reached by considering the properties of the well and the aquifer.

Susceptibility of the Wellhead (0 – 25 Points) (Chart 1 of Appendix D)

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Susceptibility of the Aquifer (0-25 Points)(Chart 2 of Appendix D)

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Natural Susceptibility (Susceptibility of the Well) (0-50 Points)

A ranking is assigned for the Natural Susceptibility according to the point score:

Natural Susceptibility Ratings							
40 to 50 pts	Very High						
30 to < 40 pts	High						
20 to < 30 pts	Medium						
< 20 pts	Low						

The Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Public Water System's water well is completed in a confined aquifer. Confined aquifers are less susceptible to potential groundwater quality impacts posed by the migration of surface water contaminants downward from the surface. Table 2 shows the susceptibility scores and ratings for this PWS.

Table 2. Susceptibility

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Contaminant risks to a drinking water source depend on the type, number or density, and distribution of contaminant sources. This score has been derived from an examination of existing and historical contamination that has been detected at the drinking water source through routine sampling. It also evaluates potential sources of contamination. Flow charts are used to assign a point score, and ratings are assigned in the same way as for the natural susceptibility

Contaminant Risk Ratings						
40 to 50 pts	Very High					
30 to < 40 pts	High					
20 to < 30 pts	Medium					
< 20 pts	Low					

Table 3 summarizes the Contaminant Risks for each category of drinking water contaminants.

Table 3. Contaminant Risks

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	50	Very High
Nitrates and/or Nitrites	50	Very High
Volatile Organic Chemica	ls 50	Very High
Heavy Metals, Cyanide an	ıd	
Other Inorganic Chemical	s 46	Very High
Synthetic Organic Chemic	als 50	Very High
Other Organic Chemicals	50	Very High

Finally, an overall vulnerability score is assigned for each water system by combining each of the contaminant risk scores with the natural susceptibility score:

Vulnerability of the Drinking Water Source to Contamination (0 - 100).

Again, rankings are assigned according to a point score:

Overall Vulnerability Ratings								
80 to 100 pts	Very High							
60 to < 80 pts	High							
40 to < 60 pts	Medium							
< 40 pts	Low							

Table 4 contains the overall vulnerability scores (0 – 100) and ratings for each of the six categories of drinking water contaminants. Note: scores are rounded off to the nearest five.

Table 4. Overall Vulnerability

Category	Score	Rating
Bacteria and Viruses	70	High
Nitrates and Nitrites	70	High
Volatile Organic Chemicals	70	High
Heavy Metals, Cyanide and		
Other Inorganic Chemicals	70	High
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	70	High
Other Organic Chemicals	70	High

Bacteria and Viruses

The contaminant risk for bacteria and viruses is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill and large capacity septic systems in Zone A (see Table 2 – Appendix B).

Coliforms (a bacteria) are found naturally in the environment and although they aren't necessarily a health threat, they are an indicator of other potentially harmful bacteria in the water, more specifically, fecal coliforms and E. coli, which only come from human and animal fecal waste. Harmful bacteria can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms (EPA, 2003). Positive samples increase the overall vulnerability of the drinking water source, indicating that the source is susceptible to bacteria and virus contamination.

There have not been positive bacteria counts reported in recent (within five years) sampling events (See Chart 3 – Contaminant Risks for Bacteria and Viruses in Appendix D). Only a small amount of bacteria and viruses are required to endanger public health.

After combining the contaminant risk for bacteria and viruses with the natural susceptibility of the spring, the overall vulnerability of the spring to contamination is **High**.

Nitrates and Nitrites

The contaminant risk for nitrates and nitrites is **Very High**. The risk to this source of public drinking water is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill and large capacity septic systems in Zone A (see Table 3 – Appendix B).

Nitrates are very mobile, moving at approximately

the same rate as water. The sampling history for this spring indicates that nitrates have been detected in recent sampling events. Nitrates and/or nitrites are found in natural background concentration at this site, as elsewhere in Alaska. Nitrate concentrations in uncontaminated groundwater are typically less than 2 mg/L; therefore, nitrate concentrations above 2 mg/L may be indicative of man-made sources (See Chart 5 - Contaminant Risks for Nitrates and/or Nitrites in Appendix D).

After combining the contaminant risk for nitrates and nitrites with the natural susceptibility of the spring, the overall vulnerability of the spring to nitrate and nitrite contamination is **High**.

Volatile Organic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for volatile organic chemicals is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill and a DEC recognized contaminated sites in Zone A. Several other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 4 – Appendix B).

All recent sampling data for VOCs were below the detection levels for the Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Water System (See Chart 7 – Contaminant Risks for Volatile Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

After combining the contaminant risk for volatile organic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the spring, the overall vulnerability of the spring to contamination is **High**.

Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill in Zone A. Several other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 5 – Appendix B).

Based on review of recent sampling records for this public water system, levels of arsenic have been detected in recent sampling events, but have not exceeded the MCL of 0.05 mg/L. Lead has also been detected, but below the MCL of 0.015 (see Chart 9 – Contaminant Risks for Heavy Metals, Cyanide, and Other Inorganic Chemicals in Appendix D).

The reported concentration of arsenic in a recent sampling event is likely to be naturally occurring and the lead is most likely attributable to the conveyance system. Arsenic is a naturally occurring element widely distributed in the earth's crust. In the

environment, arsenic is combined with oxygen, chlorine, and sulfur to form inorganic arsenic compounds.

After combining the contaminant risk for heavy metals, cyanide and other inorganic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the spring, the overall vulnerability of the spring to contamination is **High**.

Synthetic Organic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for synthetic organic chemicals is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill in Zone A. Several other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 6 – Appendix B).

No recent sampling data was available in ADEC records for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (See Chart 11 – Contaminant Risks for Synthetic Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

After combining the contaminant risk for synthetic organic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the spring, the overall vulnerability of the spring to contamination is **High**.

Other Organic Chemicals

The contaminant risk for other organic chemicals is **Very High**. The risk is primarily attributed to the presence of a landfill in Zone A. Several other potential contaminant sources are also found within the protection area (see Table 7 – Appendix B).

No recent sampling data was available in ADEC records for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (See Chart 13 – Contaminant Risks for Other Organic Chemicals in Appendix D).

After combining the contaminant risk for other organic chemicals with the natural susceptibility of the well, the overall vulnerability of the well to contamination is **High**.

Using the Source Water Assessment

This assessment of contaminant risks can be used as a foundation for local voluntary protection efforts as well as a basis for the continuous efforts on the part of the community of Mentasta Lake to protect public health. It is anticipated that Source Water Assessments will be updated every five years to reflect any changes in the vulnerability and/or susceptibility of the drinking water source.

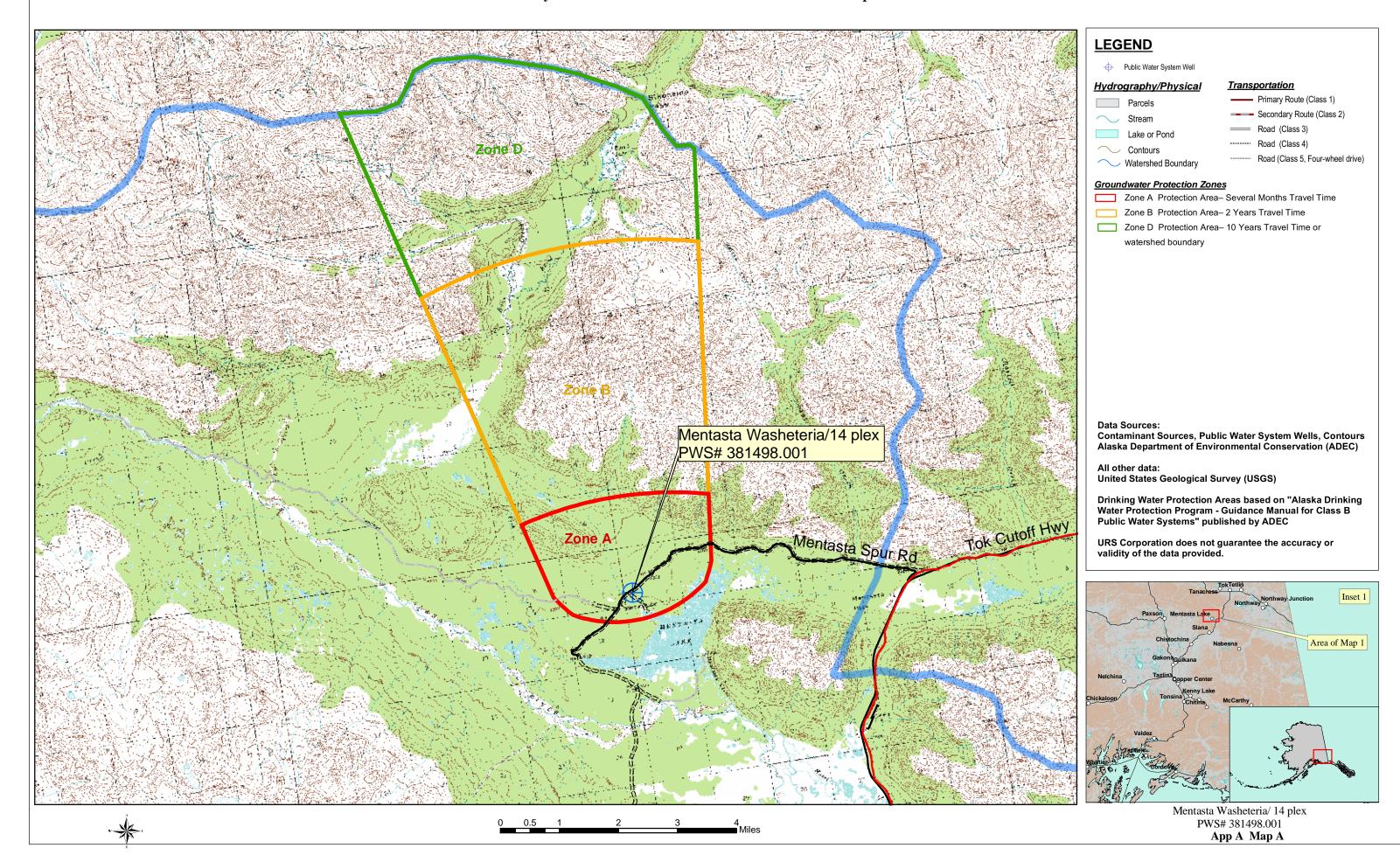
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APPENDIX A

Drinking Water Protection Area Location Map (Map A)

Public Water Well System for PWS# 381498.001 Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex



APPENDIX B

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking (Tables 1-7)

Contaminant Source Inventory for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex

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Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Map Number	Comments
Laundromats without dry cleaning	C22	C22-01	A	С	
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer lines or lift static	D01	D01-01	A	С	
Domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal ponds/lagoons	D02	D02-01	A	С	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfie Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	С	AK GATEWAY SD-MENTASTA LAKE SCHOOL
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfie Disposal Method)	D10	D10-02	A	С	
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	A	С	Mentasta Lake
Tanks, gasoline (above ground)	T10	T10-01	A	С	
Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground)	T14	T14-01	A	С	
Contaminated sites, DEC recognized, non-Superfund, non-RCRA	U04	U04-01	A	С	Mentasta Village Clinic, Reckey# 1990330112901, Status: Inactive - A history of leakage from a 300 gallon heating fuel tank located behind the clinic building and next to clinic's well house resulted in fuel contaminated soils. Samples don't show contam
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24	A	C	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A
Rail corridors	X30	X30-01	A	С	

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Sources of Bacteria and Viruses

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
Laundromats without dry cleaning	C22	C22-01	A	Low	C	
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Medium	С	
Domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal ponds/lagoons	D02	D02-01	A	High	С	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	High	С	AK GATEWAY SD-MENTASTA LAKE SCHOOL
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-02	A	High	C	
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	A	High	C	Mentasta Lake
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24	A	Low	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Sources of Nitrates/Nitrites

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
Laundromats without dry cleaning	C22	C22-01	A	Low	С	
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Medium	С	
Domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal ponds/lagoons	D02	D02-01	A	High	С	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	High	С	AK GATEWAY SD-MENTASTA LAKE SCHOOL
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-02	A	High	С	
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	A	Very High	С	Mentasta Lake
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24	A	Low	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Sources of Volatile Organic Chemicals

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
Laundromats without dry cleaning	C22	C22-01	A	Low	C	
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Low	С	
Domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal ponds/lagoons	D02	D02-01	A	Low	С	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	Low	С	AK GATEWAY SD-MENTASTA LAKE SCHOOL
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-02	A	Low	С	
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	A	High	С	Mentasta Lake
Tanks, gasoline (above ground)	T10	T10-01	A	Medium	С	
Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground)	T14	T14-01	A	Low	С	
Contaminated sites, DEC recognized, non-Superfun non-RCRA	U04	U04-01	A	High	С	Mentasta Village Clinic, Reckey# 1990330112901, Status: Inactive - A hi of leakage from a 300 gallon heating fuel tank located behind the clinic building and next to clinic's well house resulted in fuel contaminated soils. Samples don't show contam
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24	A	Low	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A
Rail corridors	X30	X30-01	A	Medium	С	

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Sources of Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Low	С	
Domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal ponds/lagoons	D02	D02-01	A	Low	C	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	Low	С	AK GATEWAY SD-MENTASTA LAKE SCHOOL
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-02	A	Low	С	
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	A	High	С	Mentasta Lake
Tanks, gasoline (above ground)	T10	T10-01	A	Medium	С	
Tanks, heating oil, nonresidential (aboveground)	T14	T14-01	A	Low	С	
Contaminated sites, DEC recognized, non-Superfun non-RCRA	U04	U04-01	A	Low	С	Mentasta Village Clinic, Reckey# 1990330112901, Status: Inactive - A hi of leakage from a 300 gallon heating fuel tank located behind the clinic building and next to clinic's well house resulted in fuel contaminated soils. Samples don't show contam
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24	A	Low	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A
Rail corridors	X30	X30-01	A	Low	С	

Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Sources of Synthetic Organic Chemicals

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Low	С	
Domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal ponds/lagoons	D02	D02-01	A	Low	С	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	Low	С	AK GATEWAY SD-MENTASTA LAKE SCHOOL
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-02	A	Low	С	
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	A	Very High	C	Mentasta Lake
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Rail corridors	X30	X30-01	A	Medium	С	

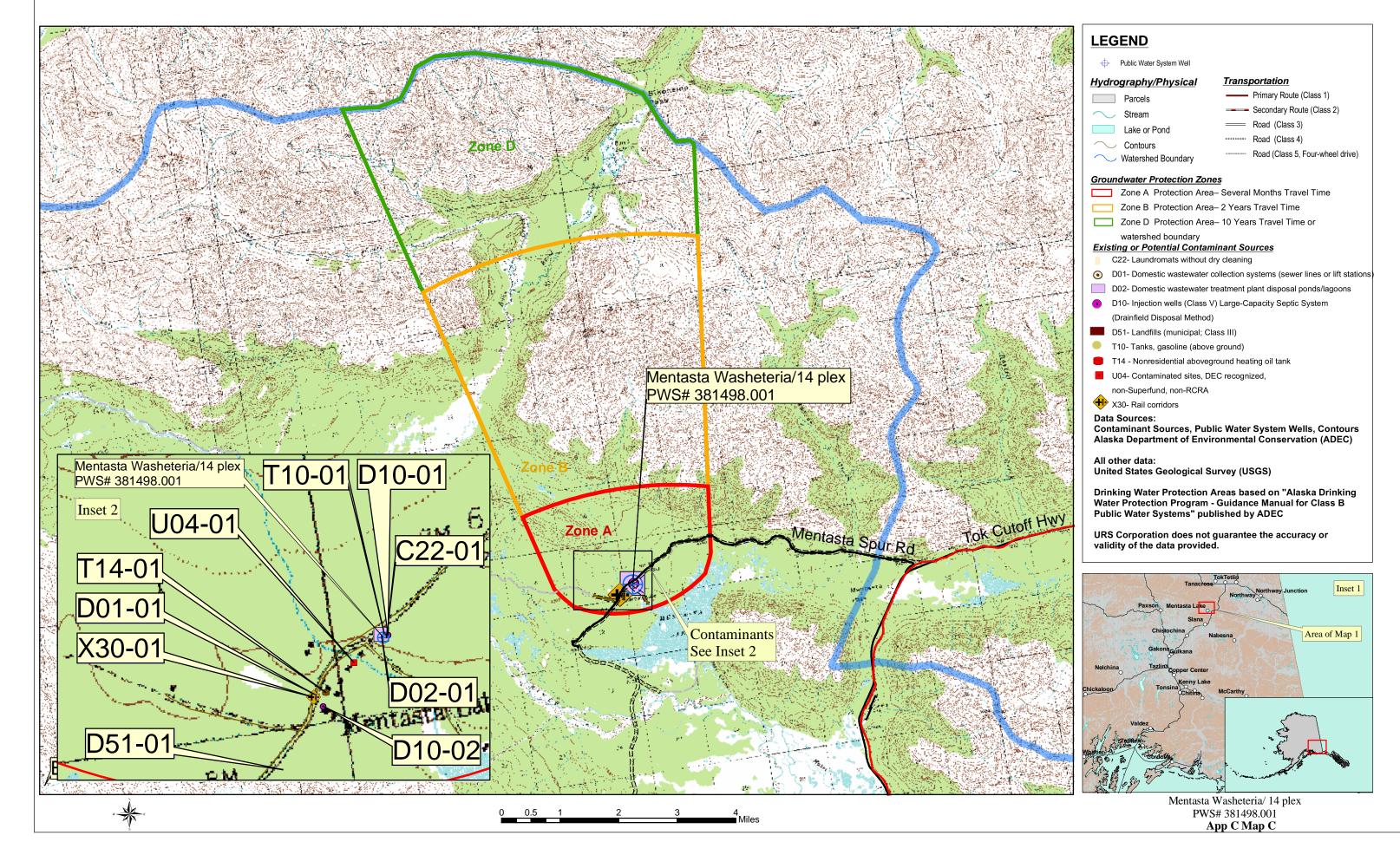
Contaminant Source Inventory and Risk Ranking for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Sources of Other Organic Chemicals

Contaminant Source Type	Contaminant Source ID	CS ID tag	Zone	Risk Ranking for Analysis	Map Number	Comments
Domestic wastewater collection systems (sewer line or lift stations)	D01	D01-01	A	Low	С	
Domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal ponds/lagoons	D02	D02-01	A	Low	С	
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-01	A	Low	С	AK GATEWAY SD-MENTASTA LAKE SCHOOL
Injection wells (Class V) Large-Capacity Septic System (Drainfield Disposal Method)	D10	D10-02	A	Low	С	
Landfills (municipal; Class III)	D51	D51-01	A	Very High	С	Mentasta Lake
Contaminated sites, DEC recognized, non-Superfun non-RCRA	U04	U04-01	A	Low	С	Mentasta Village Clinic, Reckey# 1990330112901, Status: Inactive - A hi of leakage from a 300 gallon heating fuel tank located behind the clinic building and next to clinic's well house resulted in fuel contaminated soils. Samples don't show contam
Highways and roads, dirt/gravel	X24	X24	A	Low	С	Assume 1-20 roads in Zone A
Rail corridors	X30	X30-01	A	Low	С	

APPENDIX C

Drinking Water Protection Area and Potential and Existing Contaminant Sources (Map C)

Public Water Well System for PWS# 381498.001 Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex Sources of Potential and Existing Contamination



APPENDIX D

Vulnerability Analysis for Public Drinking Water Source (Charts 1-14)

Susceptibility initially assumed to be low. Susceptibility of wellhead = 0 pts Is the well Increase susceptibility 5 pts + 0 pts properly grouted? Is the well Increase susceptibility 20 pts + 20 pts capped? YES YES Very High Susceptibility of wellhead 20 pts Increase susceptibility: YES Is the well 10 pts: suspected floodplain + 0 pts within a Wellhead Susceptibility Ratings 20 pts: known floodplain floodplain? 20 to 25 pts very high 15 to < 20 pts 10 to < 15 pts medium < 10 pts low Is the land surface sloped Increase susceptibility 5 pts 0 pts away from the

Chart 1. Susceptibility of the wellhead - Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001)

Chart 2. Susceptibility of the aquifer Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001)

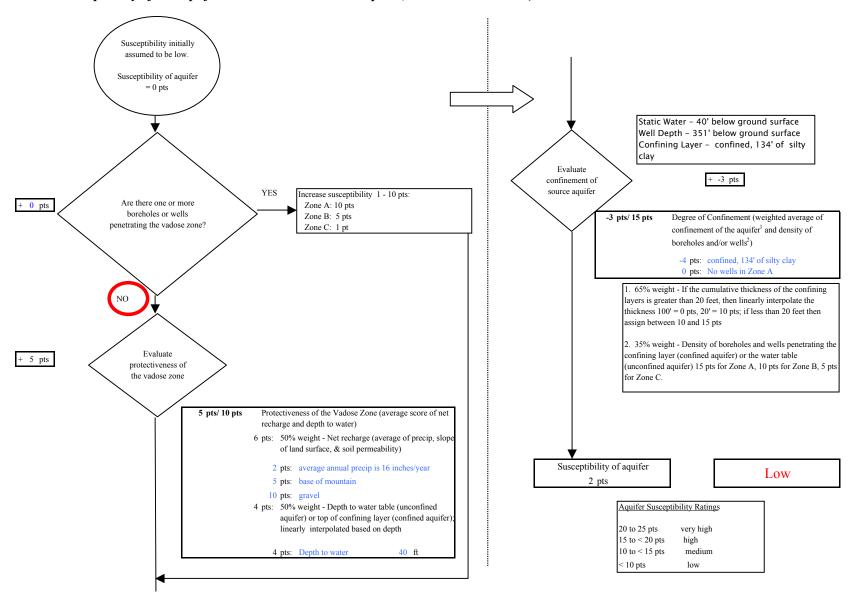


Chart 3. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Bacteria & Viruses

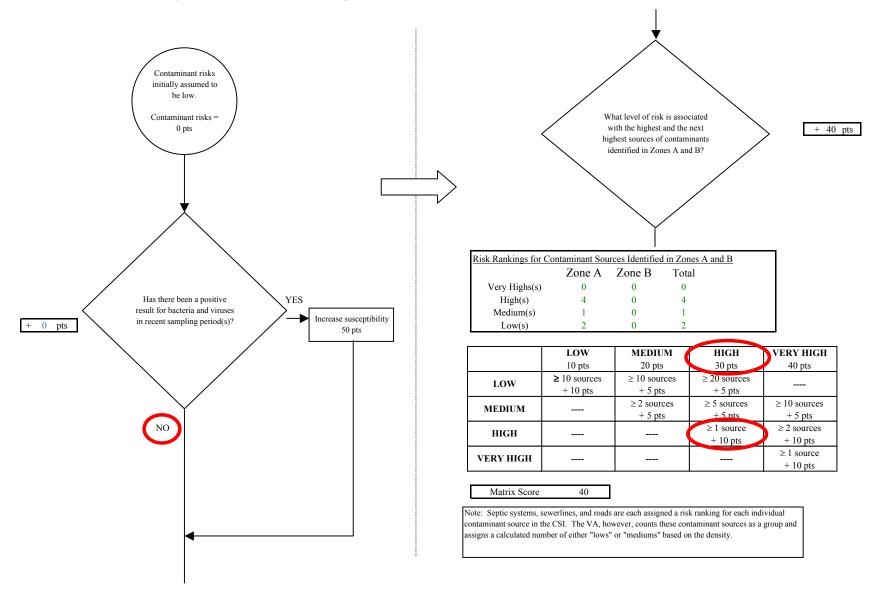


Chart 3. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Bacteria & Viruses NO Are there sufficient Initial assessment of risk posed by Risk unchanged controls, conditions, or potential sources of contamination monitoring to warrant = 40 pts downgrading risk? Are any YES significant Risk unchanged contaminant Reduce risk 1 - 10 pts sources within - 0 pts Zone A? The number and magnitude of Risk posed by potential sources of contaminant sources in YES contamination with controls Zone A determines a risk increase. See Table 2 for 50 + 10 pts Increase risk 1 - 10 pts inventory. Existing Risk due to existing 0 pts contamination Are there any conditions that Risk unchanged Risk posed by potential sources warrant upgrading Potential of contamination with controls risk? 50 pts Contaminant risks Contaminant Risk YES 50 pts Increase risk 1 - 10 pts + 0 pts Contaminant risks* * Truncate risk at 50 pts 50 Contaminant Risk Ratings Risk posed by potential sources of contamination 40 to 50 pts very high 50 30 to < 40 ptshigh Very High $20 \text{ to} \le 30 \text{ pts}$

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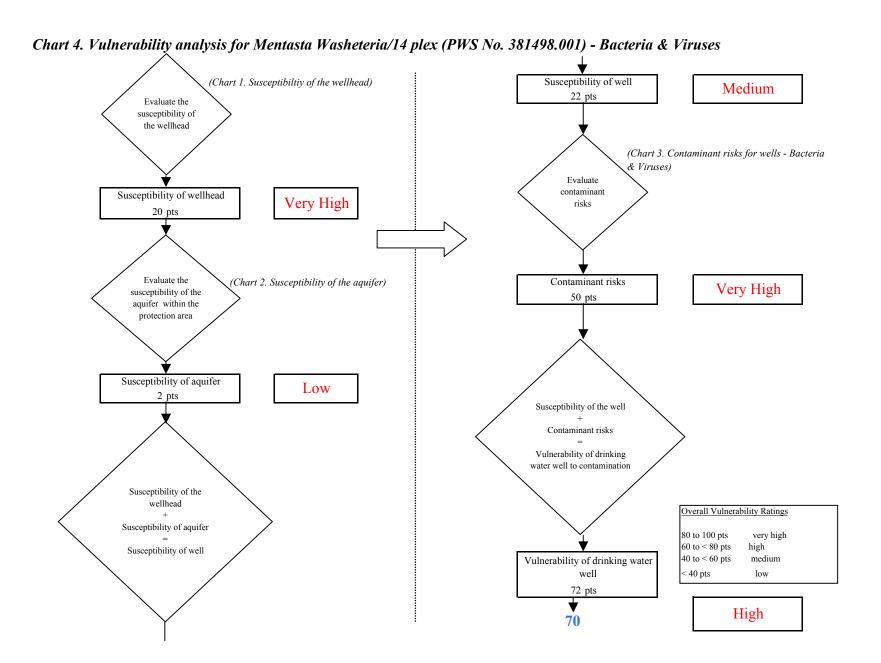


Chart 5. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Nitrates and Nitrites Contaminant risks initially assumed to be low. Evaluate the level of Current level of Contaminant risks background contamination due to man-= 0 ptscontamination from made source(s) natural sources 0 pts Is the concentration of Has nitrates and/or NO the contaminant nitrites been detected in increasing, decreasing, the source waters in or staying the same? recent sampling period(s)? Recent Nitrate Sampling Results (mg/L) 12/9/2003 1/10/2002 0.29 The nitrate concentration is 9/20/2001 0.28 assumed to be natural if less 12/22/1999 0.22 than 2 mg/L (20%), or Increasing: risk up 1 - 10 pts YES attributed to man made Decreasing: risk down 1 - 5 pts sources if greater than 2 + 0 pts Same: risk unchanged mg/L. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) = 10 mg/LDetected Nitrate Level = Existing contamination points based on Risk due to natural Risk due to existing manlinear interpolation of most recent detect sources made sources [MCL = 50 pts; detect = 0 pts]1 pts 0 pts Risk due to existing contamination 1 pts Was the source of Evaluate the level of NO. contamination contamination from natural? man-made sources YES

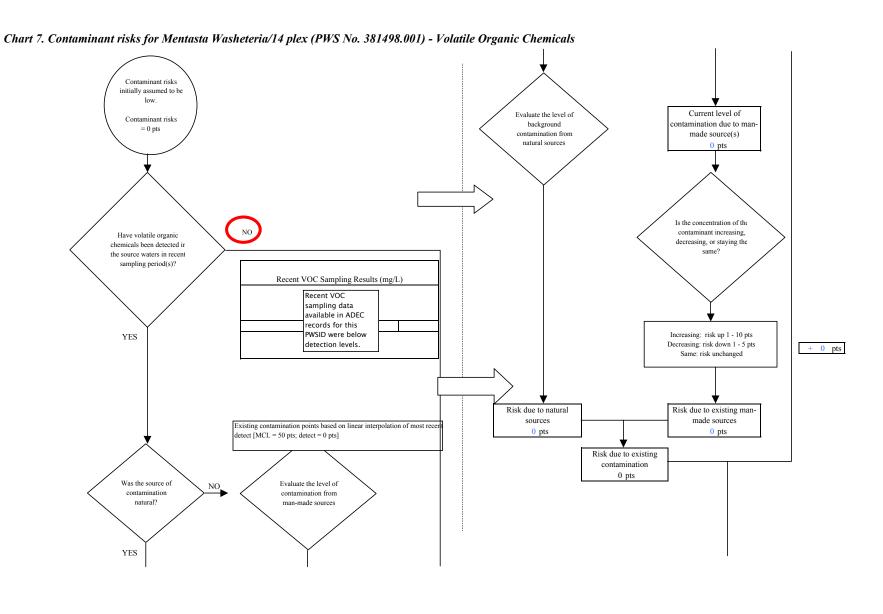
Chart 5. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Nitrates and Nitrites Initial assessment of risk posed by potential sources of contamination 50 What level of risk is Is the source YES associated with the highest aquifer fractured 50 pts and the next highest risk rock or karst? sources(s) of contaminants identified in Zones A, B and C? NO Risk Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C Zone A Zones B&C Total Very Highs(s) Are all of the higher NO risk sources beyond Risk unchanged High(s) 3 3 Zones A and B? Medium(s) Low(s) VERY HIGH LOW MEDIUM HIGH 10 pts 20 pts 30 pts 40 pts YES ≥ 10 sources ≥ 10 sources ≥ 20 sources LOW - 0 pts + 10 pts + 5 pts + 5 pts Decrease risk 1 - 10 pts ≥ 2 sources ≥ 5 sources ≥ 10 sources MEDIUM ____ + 5 pts + 5 pts + 5 pts ≥ 1 source ≥ 2 sources HIGH + 10 pts + 10 pts ≥ 1 source VERY HIGH + 10 pts Are any significant NO Risk unchanged sources within Matrix Score 50 Zone A? The number and Note: Septic systems, sewerlines, and roads are each assigned a risk ranking for each individual magnitude of contaminant source in the CSI. The VA, however, counts these contaminant sources as a group and contaminant sources in assigns a calculated number of either "lows" or "mediums" based on the density. Zone A determines a risk increase. See Table 3 for inventory. + 10 pts

Increase risk 1 - 10 pts

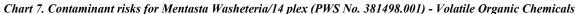
Chart 5. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Nitrates and Nitrites Existing NO Are there conditions 1 pts Risk unchanged that warrant upgrading risk? Risk due to existing Potential contamination 60 pts The number and magnitude of Risk posed by potential sources contaminant sources in of contamination with controls Contaminant Risk Zone D determines a risk YES 61 pts increase. See Table 3 for Contaminant risks inventory. 0 pts Increase risk 1 - 10 pts Risk posed by potential sources of contamination 60 pts *Truncate risk at 50 pts Contaminant risks* 50 Are there sufficient Contaminant Risk Ratings Very High controls, conditions, or monitoring to Risk unchanged 40 to 50 pts very high warrant downgrading 30 to < 40 pts high 20 to < 30 pts risk? medium < 20 pts low YES 0 pts Decrease risk 1 - 10 pts Risk posed by potential sources of contamination with controls

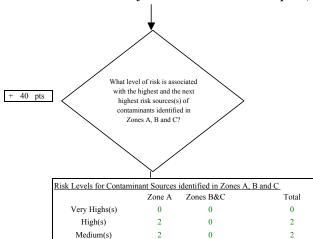
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Chart 6. Vulnerability analysis for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Nitrates and Nitrites (Chart 1. Susceptibiltiy of the wellhead) Susceptibility of well Medium 22 pts Evaluate the susceptibility of the wellhead (Chart 5. Contaminant risks for wells - Nitrates and Nitrites) Evaluate Susceptibility of wellhead contaminant risks Very High 20 pts Evaluate the (Chart 2. Susceptibility of the aquifer) Contaminant risks Very High susceptibility of the 50 pts aquifer within the protection area Susceptibility of aquifer Low 2 pts Susceptibility of the well Contaminant risks Vulnerability of drinking water well to contamination Susceptibility of the wellhead Overall Vulnerability Ratings Susceptibility of aquifer 80 to 100 pts very high Susceptibility of well 60 to < 80 pts high 40 to < 60 pts medium Vulnerability of drinking water well < 40 pts 72 pts High **70**



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	LOW 10 pts	MEDIUM 20 pts	HIGH 30 pts	VERY HIGH 40 pts
LOW	≥ 10 sources + 10 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts	≥ 20 sources + 5 pts	
MEDIUM		≥ 2 sources + 5 pts	≥ 5 sources + 5 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts
нібн			≥ 1 source + 10 pts	≥ 2 sources + 10 pts
VERY HIGH				≥ 1 source + 10 pts

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Matrix Score 40

Low(s)

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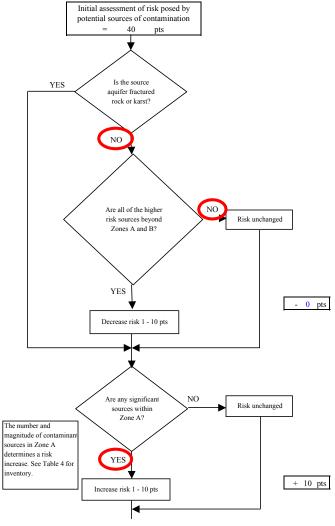


Chart 7. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Volatile Organic Chemicals Existing NO Are there conditions 0 pts Risk unchanged that warrant upgrading Risk due to existing risk? Potential contamination 50 pts The number and magnitude of Risk posed by potential sources contaminant sources in of contamination with controls Contaminant Risk Zone D determines a risk YES increase. See Table 4 for 50 pts Contaminant risks inventory. + 0 pts Increase risk 1 - 10 pts Risk posed by potential sources of contamination 50 pts *Truncate risk at 50 pts Contaminant risks* Contaminant Risk Ratings Are there sufficient Very High NO controls, conditions, or Risk unchanged 40 to 50 pts very high monitoring to warrant 30 to < 40 pts high downgrading risk? 20 to < 30 pts medium < 20 pts YES 0 pts Decrease risk 1 - 10 pts Risk posed by potential sources of contamination with controls 50 pts

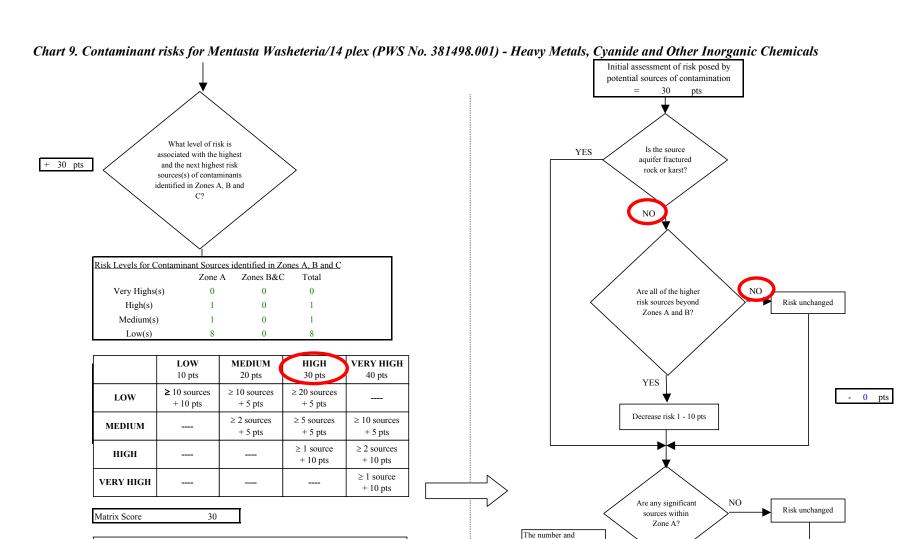
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Chart 8. Vulnerability analysis for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Volatile Organic Chemicals (Chart 1. Susceptibiltiy of the wellhead) Susceptibility of well Medium 22 pts Evaluate the susceptibility of the wellhead (Chart 7. Contaminant risks for wells - Volatile Organic Chemicals) Evaluate Susceptibility of wellhead contaminant risks Very High 20 pts Evaluate the (Chart 2. Susceptibility of the aquifer) Contaminant risks Very High susceptibility of the 50 pts aquifer within the protection area Susceptibility of aquifer Low 2 pts Susceptibility of the well Contaminant risks Vulnerability of drinking water well to contamination Susceptibility of the wellhead Overall Vulnerability Ratings Susceptibility of aquifer 80 to 100 pts very high Susceptibility of well 60 to < 80 pts high 40 to < 60 pts medium Vulnerability of drinking water well < 40 pts 72 pts High **70**

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Chart 9. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals Contaminant risks initially assumed to be low. Current level of Evaluate the level of Contaminant risks contamination due to manbackground = 0 ptscontamination from made source(s) natural sources 0 pts Arsenic is a naturally occurring element widely distributed in the earth's crust. In the environment, arsenic is combined with oxygen, chlorine, and sulfur to form inorganic arsenic compounds. Arsenic in animals and plants combines with carbon and Is the concentration of hydrogen to form organic arsenic Have heavy metals, the contaminant compounds. cyanide or other inorganic increasing, decreasing, chemicals been detected or staying the same? in the source waters in recent sampling period(s)? Recent Metals Sampling Results (mg/L) 12/31/2000 0.0145 Lead Arsenic 12/22/1999 0.006 The reported YES Increasing: risk up 1 - 10 pts concentrations of lead are Decreasing: risk down 1 - 5 pts + 0 pts likely attributed to the Same: risk unchanged water treatment/conveyance Maximum Contaminant system. No risk points Level (MCL) (mg/L) 6 of MCI assigned for lead since the Lead = 0.015 97% analyte did not exceed the 12% Arsenic = 0.05 100% of the MCL in most Risk due to existing man-Risk due to natural recent sampling event. Existing contamination points based on linear sources made sources interpolation of most recent detect [MCL = 50 pts 0 pts 6 pts detect = 0 ptsRisk due to existing contamination 6 pts Evaluate the level Was the source of of contamination contamination from man-made natural? sources

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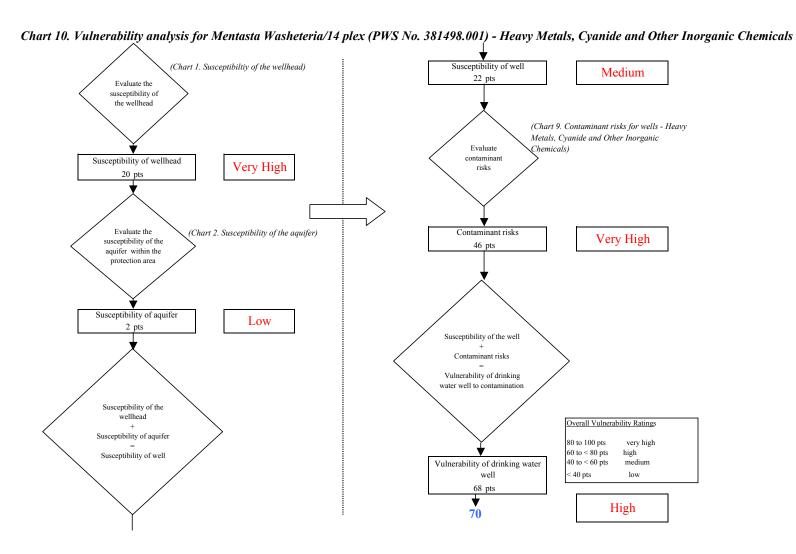
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Increase risk 1 - 10 pts

+ 10 pts

Chart 9. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Heavy Metals, Cyanide and Other Inorganic Chemicals Existing Are there conditions 6 pts Risk unchanged upgrading risk? Risk due to existing Potential contamination 40 pts The number and magnitude of Risk posed by potential sources contaminant sources in of contamination with controls Contaminant Risk Zone D determines a YES 46 pts risk increase. See Table Contaminant risks 5 for inventory. 0 pts Increase risk 1 - 10 pts Risk posed by potential sources of contamination 40 pts Contaminant risks* *Truncate risk at 50 pts 46 Contaminant Risk Ratings Are there sufficient **46** NQ controls, conditions, Risk unchanged 40 to 50 pts very high or monitoring to 30 to < 40 pts warrant downgrading high risk? 20 to < 30 pts medium < 20 pts low YES 0 pts Decrease risk 1 - 10 pts Risk posed by potential sources of contamination with controls 40 pts

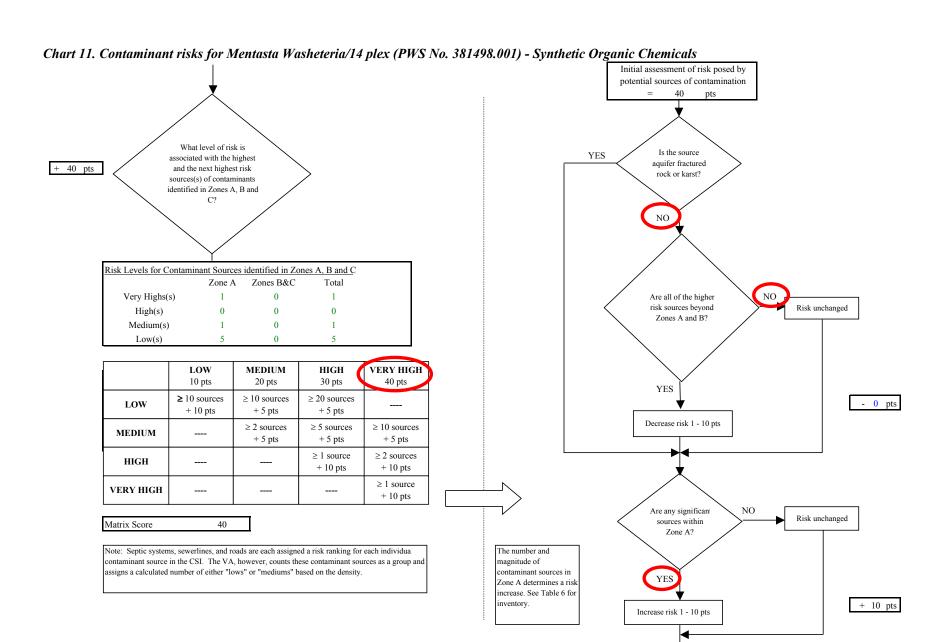
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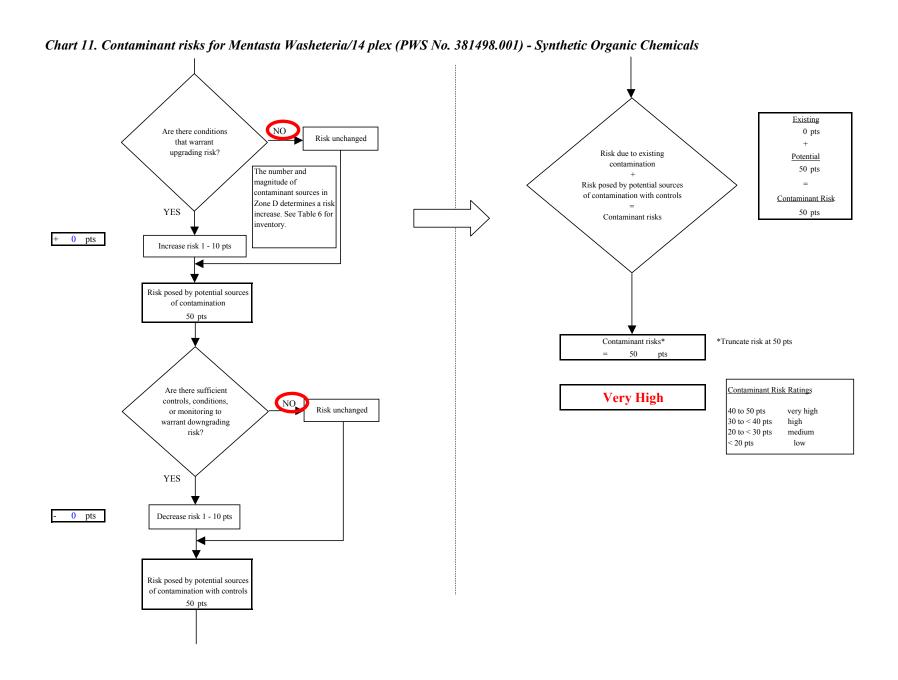


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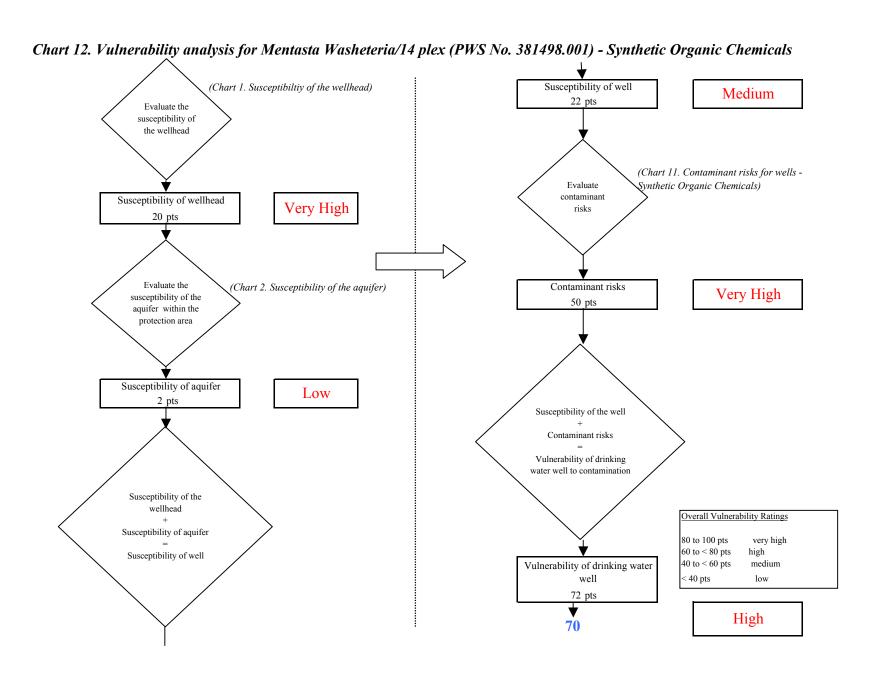
Chart 11. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Synthetic Organic Chemicals Contaminant risks initially assumed to be low. Current level of Evaluate the level of Contaminant risks background contamination due to man-= 0 ptscontamination from made source(s) natural sources 0 pts NO or Is the concentration of UNKNOWN Have synthetic organic the contaminant chemicals been detected increasing, decreasing, in the source waters in or staying the same? recent sampling period(s)? Recent SOC Sampling Results (mg/L) No recent SOC sampling data was available in ADEC records for this PWSID Increasing: risk up 1 - 10 pts YES Decreasing: risk down 1 - 5 pts + 0 pts Same: risk unchanged Existing contamination points based on linear interpolation of most recent detect [MCL = 50 pts; detect = 0 pts]Risk due to natural Risk due to existing mansources made sources 0 pts 0 pts Risk due to existing contamination 0 pts Was the source of Evaluate the level of NO. contamination contamination from man-made sources YES

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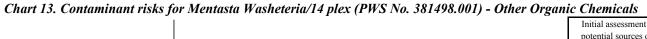
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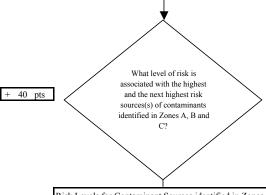


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Chart 13. Contaminant risks for Mentasta Washeteria/14 plex (PWS No. 381498.001) - Other Organic Chemicals Contaminant risks initially assumed to be low. Current level of Evaluate the level of Contaminant risks background contamination due to man-= 0 ptscontamination from made source(s) natural sources NO or Is the concentration of Have other organic UNKNOWN the contaminant chemicals been detected increasing, decreasing, in the source waters in or staying the same? recent sampling period(s)? Recent OOC Sampling Results (mg/L) No recent OOC sampling data was available in ADEC records for this PWSID Increasing: risk up 1 - 10 pts YES Decreasing: risk down 1 - 5 pts + 0 pts Same: risk unchanged Existing contamination points based on linear interpolation of most recent detect [MCL = 50 pts; detect = 0 pts]Risk due to natural Risk due to existing mansources made sources 0 pts 0 pts Risk due to existing contamination 0 pts Was the source of Evaluate the level of NO. contamination contamination from natural? man-made sources YES

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isk Levels for Contam	k Levels for Contaminant Sources identified in Zones A, B and C					
	Zone A	Zones B&C	Total			
Very Highs(s)	1	0	1			
High(s)	0	0	0			
Medium(s)	0	0	0			
Low(s)	7	0	7			

	LOW 10 pts	MEDIUM 20 pts	HIGH 30 pts	VERY HIGH 40 pts		
LOW	≥ 10 sources + 10 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts	≥ 20 sources + 5 pts			
MEDIUM		≥ 2 sources + 5 pts	≥ 5 sources + 5 pts	≥ 10 sources + 5 pts		
HIGH			≥ 1 source + 10 pts	≥ 2 sources + 10 pts		
VERY HIGH				≥ 1 source + 10 pts		

Matrix Score 40

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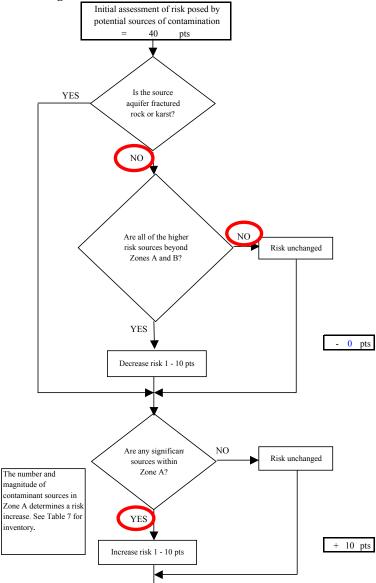


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