Concentration of nitrites detected in private wells (µg/L), Average 1998-2010

Nitrite MCL: 1,000 µg/L

Nitrites may be present in groundwater from fertilizer runoff, leaking septic tanks and sewage, and the erosion of natural deposits. Infants less than four months of age can become seriously ill from drinking water that contains nitrites in excess of the MCL.\textsuperscript{11,30}

Health information about nitrites.