

SOMA BEVERAGE COMPANY, LLC Consumer Confidence Report 2009-2010

At Soma Beverage Company our constant goal is to provide you with safe, high quality water products. We require that every Soma Beverage product exceed many federal, state and industry standards. This is to ensure that every bottle delivered to our customers will have the best quality and superior flavor. We have confidence in our on-going efforts to provide products of the highest possible quality and flavor.

Types of Products Offered by the Soma Beverage Company

Soma Beverage Company offers the following types of bottled water products in recyclable single serve bottles: Metromint Peppermint, Metromint Spearmint, Metromint Lemonmint, Metromint Orangemint, Metromint Chocolatemint, Metromint Cherrymint, Metromint Goodberrymint, and MetroElectro Micronutrient Water.

Types of Water Sources Used by the Soma Beverage Company

To provide bottled water products for our customers, Soma Beverage Company depends on a supply from our local Santa Clarita Valley and the Castaic Lake Water Agency produced from both surface and groundwater supplies.

Steps taken to purify our products

To ensure superior quality and flavor, Soma Beverage Company takes a further step to purify our water by taking the source water and using reverse osmosis, a process that saves all the good stuff and filters out the bad, including salts, impurities, and particles as small as an ion. The water is taken through additional purification to remove organic and inorganic components of the source water. Ultraviolet light and ozone are used as additional safety steps to purify the water.

You can also find other information on the Soma Beverage Company websites, www.metromint.com and www.metroelectro.com. There you can find information about our distinct varieties, different store locations, as well as answers to some of our most frequently asked questions and more.

For more information contact Soma Beverage Company at:
PO Box 885462 San Francisco, CA 94188 or call (415) 979-0781.

The State of California requires that we provide the following definitions as part of this report.

Definitions

Statement of quality: The standard of quality for bottled water is the highest level of a contaminate that is allowed in a container of bottled water, as established by the FDA and the California Department of Public Health. The standards can be no less protective of public health or less stringent than the standards for public drinking water, established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the California Department of Public Health.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the California Department of Public Health. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs as is economically and technologically feasible.

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Statements

California law requires the following references and statements:

For more information on FDA recalls: <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html>.

“Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the United States Food and Drug Administration, Food and Cosmetic Hotline (1-888-723-3366).”

“Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water other than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).”

“The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.”

“Substances that may be present in source water include any of the following: (1) Microbial organisms that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. (2) Inorganic substances, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. (3) Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. (4) Organic substances, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems. (5) Radioactive substances that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.”

“In order to ensure that bottled water is safe to drink, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) and the State Department of Public Health (Department) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by bottled water companies.”

“Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.”