# Gallatin River Watershed Top Contaminants

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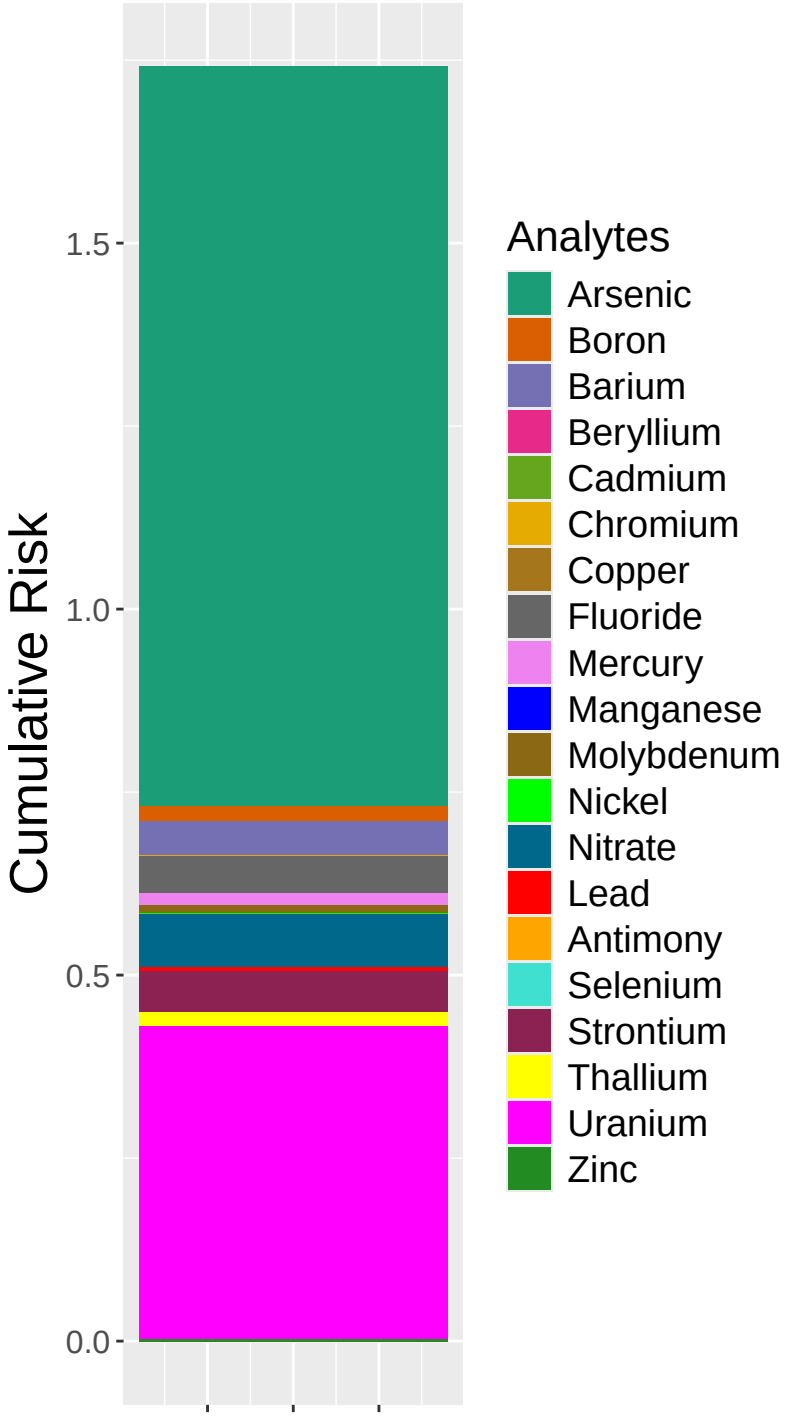
The contaminants below are ranked in order of health concern, with the most important to test for at the top of the list.

The "Threshold" is the most conservatively health protective concentration, above which health risks exist for lifetime consumption. The hazard quotient (HQ), is the most common (median) contaminant concentration for the watershed, divided by the health threshold. The higher the HQ, the higher the health risk and values greater than 1 are considered unacceptable for lifetime consumption. The Cumulative Health Risk is all the HQs added together; values greater than 1 indicate health risks for long-term consumption by sensitive groups, including children, elderly, pregnant women, and those with chronic health conditions.

## Cumulative Risk: 1.74

| Rank | Analyte | Threshold (µg/L) | HQ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Arsenic | 0.5 | 1.01100 |
| 2 | Uranium | 3.0 | 0.42667 |
| 3 | Nitrate | 10.0 | 0.07330 |
| 4 | Strontium | 4000.0 | 0.05550 |
| 5 | Fluoride | 4.0 | 0.05000 |
| 6 | Barium | 1300.0 | 0.04615 |
| 7 | Thallium | 0.5 | 0.02000 |
| 8 | Boron | 1000.0 | 0.01920 |
| 9 | Mercury | 2.0 | 0.01625 |
| 10 | Molybdenum | 40.0 | 0.01125 |
| 11 | Lead | 1.0 | 0.00500 |
| 12 | Zinc | 2000.0 | 0.00294 |
| 13 | Beryllium | 4.0 | 0.00125 |
| 14 | Manganese | 0.1 | 0.00100 |
| 15 | Copper | 1300.0 | 0.00079 |
| 16 | Cadmium | 5.0 | 0.00020 |
| 17 | Antimony | 6.0 | 0.00017 |
| 18 | Chromium | 50.0 | 0.00010 |
| 19 | Nickel | 100.0 | 0.00010 |
| 20 | Selenium | 50.0 | 0.00010 |




These results are based on data from the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, Groundwater Information Center Database, as of August 24, 2022