

ACLU of Iowa sues Reynolds over access to government records

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The ACLU of Iowa is suing Gov. Kim Reynolds in an effort to force the release of government records related to a decision to block The Satanic Temple of Iowa from staging an event at the Iowa State Capitol.

The lawsuit was docketed in Polk County District Court on Tuesday, four days after Reynolds sought a court injunction that would block the Des Moines Register from accessing an entirely different set of records. The Register is seeking documents pertaining to allegations about the finances of Lutheran Social Services and its affiliates, but the governor’s office has claimed the sought-after documents are covered by executive privilege and need not be disclosed.

The ACLU case also involves a claim of executive privilege by Reynolds’ office. The ACLU case stems from a June 2024 request by the Iowa Atheists and Freethinkers for documents from the governor’s office that are related to the State of Iowa’s decision to cancel an Iowa Satanic Temple winter celebration in the rotunda of the Iowa State Capitol.

The governor’s office refused to produce all of the

requested documents, citing executive privilege, even though, the ACLU argues, the documents in question are an executive agency report and documents related to media preparation.

Some relevant materials were turned over, but much was redacted, according to the ACLU.

“At present, this claimed ‘executive privilege’ has no limit unless one is self-imposed by the governor’s office,” the lawsuit states. “This would, contrary to the purposes, goals, and express language of Iowa’s Open Records Act, allow the governor’s office to reject the public interest in favor of free and open examination of public records solely because of the potential for inconvenience or embarrassment.”

In addition to Reynolds, the lawsuit names as a defendant Steven Blankinship, general counsel for governor.

The lawsuit seeks a court order declaring that Reynolds has violated the Iowa Open Records Law, an order enjoining the governor’s office from committing any future violations for one year, and an injunction requiring Reynolds to turn over the requested records.

The governor’s office has yet to file a response to the lawsuit, and her communications staff did not re-

spond to a request for comment Tuesday.

It’s not the first time the ACLU and Reynolds have clashed over access to information. In 2023, the ACLU of Iowa successfully sued Reynolds’ office on behalf of Iowa Capital

Dispatch and other media representatives and advocates for failing to respond in a timely fashion to journalists’ requests for information about the state’s response to COVID-19. The Iowa Supreme Court ultimately ruled against Reyn-

olds, and her office was ordered to comply in a timely manner to public record requests from journalists.

The Iowa Atheists and Freethinkers, or IAF, is a public interest group based in central Iowa that focuses on secular governance, the

importance of science, separation of church and state, and a transparent and responsive government.

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2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT
FOR
EXIRA WATER DEPT.

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. All of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from Regional Water. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Type	Value & (Range)	Date	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	90th	0.00 (ND-9)	2022	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	90th	0.03 (ND-0.05)	2022	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	N/A	60	LRAA	6.00 (6-6)	09/30/2024	No	By- product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes	N/A	80	LRAA	31.00 (31-31)	09/30/2024	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination

[6]950-Distribution System

Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG =4.0	MRDL=4.0	RAA	1.2 (0.76-1.48)	06/30/2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes
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Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND - Not Detected
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant 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.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water 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. EPA/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 (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Exira is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

OTHER INFORMATION

Since November 2005 the City of Exira has been buying its water from Regional Water their test results are included in this report. A copy of this report will not be mailed to individual customers a copy can be picked up at City Hall.

Original Supply ID	Original Supply Name
IA8300184	Regional Water

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information, please contact City Hall at (712) 268-2187 during the following hours: 8:00 to 3:00

Decisions regarding the water system are made at the Council meetings held on the First Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. March thru September and 6:30 P.M. October thru February at City Hall and are open to the public.

PURCHASED WATER INFORMATION

Our water system purchases water from the system(s) shown below Their water quality is as follows:
8300184-REGIONAL WATER
01-wells(1-19,N4-N20,15R)

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Detected Level	Rang Of Detection	Date Sampled	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Sodium(ppm)	N/A	N/A	16 Ppm	LOD-5.300 LOQ- 27	07/18/2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10	10	0.38 Ppm	LOD-0.0048 LOQ-0.05	08/13/2024	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks and Erosion of natural deposits

Fluoride	4	4	0.44	0.37 to 0.44ppm	01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
2,4-D (ppb)	70	70	.20		04/11/2023	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Combined Radium(pCi/L)	N/A	5.0	<1	N/A	04/13/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	N/A	15	<1.2	N/A	04/13/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese (ppm)	N/A	AL-0.3	0.009	N/A	02/05/2024	No	Mineral found naturally in the environment

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Audubon County Fair

Figure 8 Races 2025 Dates

RACE DATES:
Friday, May 9
Friday, June 13 and 27
Friday, July 18 (Fair)
Friday, Aug. 1 - T-Bone Special (Rain Date, Sunday, Aug. 4)

*Pits open at 5:00 p.m.
Flag drops at 7:30 p.m.*

**NO Alcohol in the Pits
Concessions will be available**

Grandstand Fans:
Adults - \$10
Kids under 5 FREE

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\$25 for pit pass \$40 for driver and car

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“SCALE MODEL— BUILDING CONTEST”

AUDUBON HOBBIES
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(712) 563-2038

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

No Entry Fee

- All Varieties of Scale Models can be entered. Kit - Kit Bashed - Scratch Built
- Aircraft, Boats, Cars, Railroad, Dioramas, Gundam, etc.
- 1st Prize: \$100, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: \$25 in Gift Certificates

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