

# Monthly Quality Update July 2026



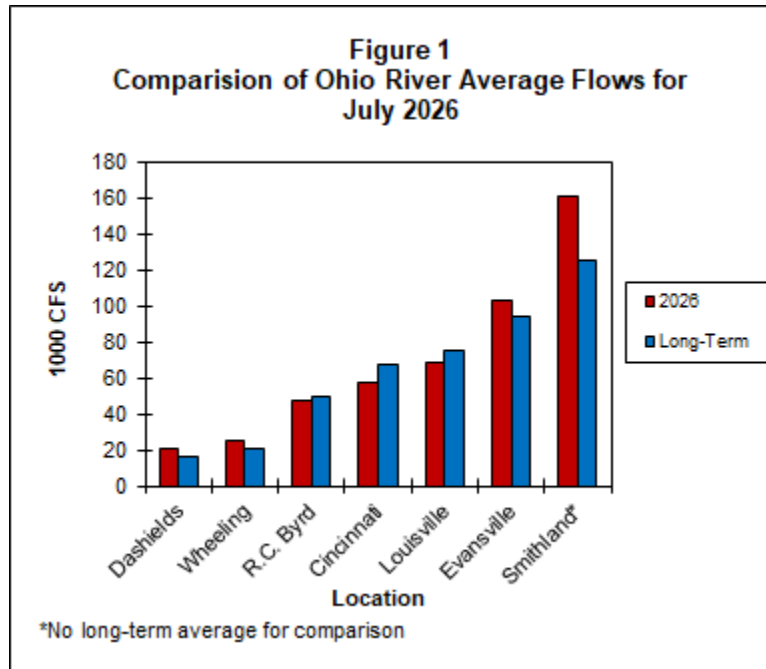
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# Flows

Average flows at seven Ohio River locations are displayed below. At each location the July 2026 average flow (red bar) is contrasted with the long-term average monthly flow (blue bar).



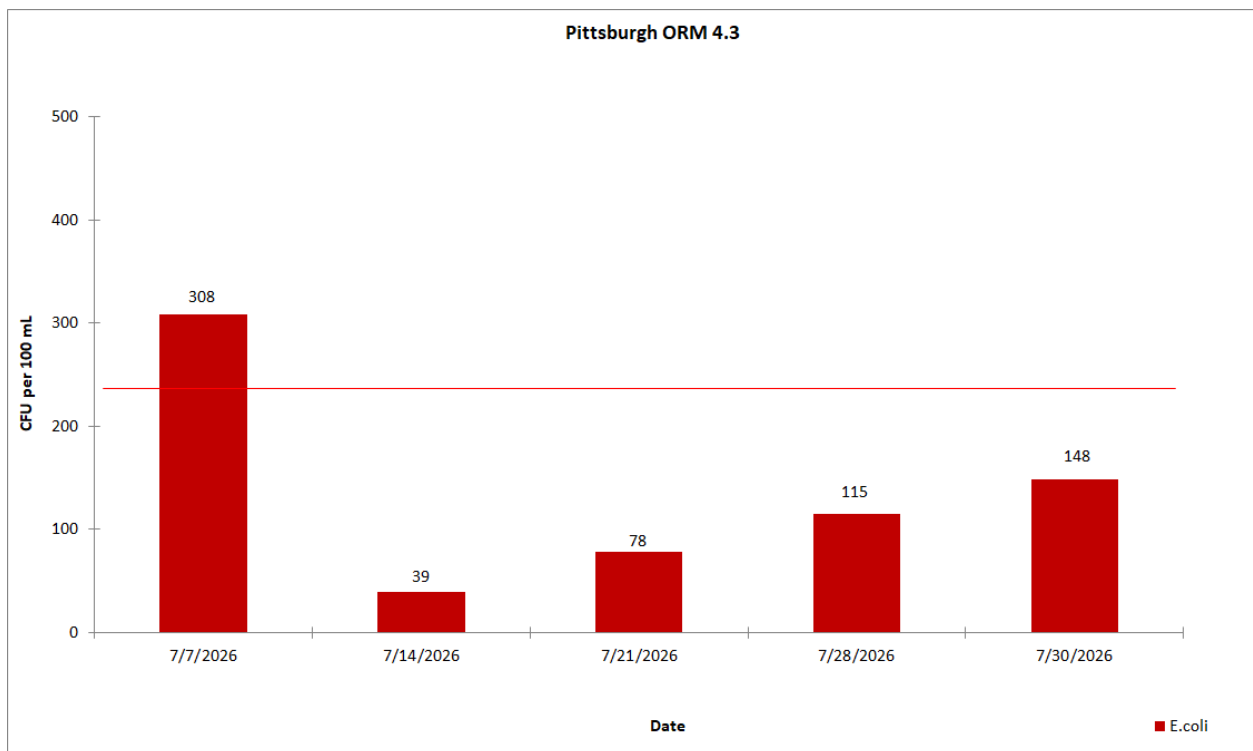
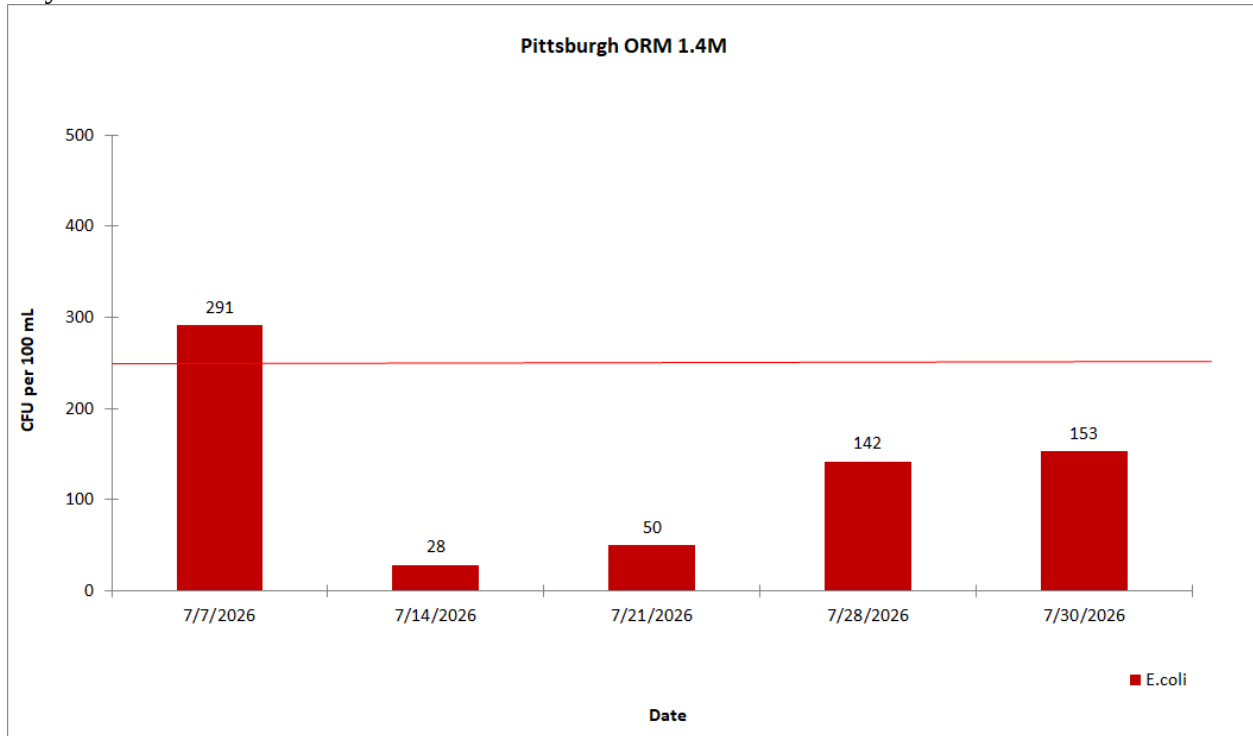
# Bacteria

The bacteria monitoring results from five of the six Ohio River locations in July are in the attached graphs. ORSANCO's water quality criteria for the protection of human health during the contact recreation season are:

- *E. coli* count is not to exceed 240 CFU/100mL in more than 25 percent of samples. (*E.coli* is shown with a red line on the graph.)
- *E. coli* shall not exceed 130 CFU/100mL as a 90-day geometric mean, based on not less than five samples per month.

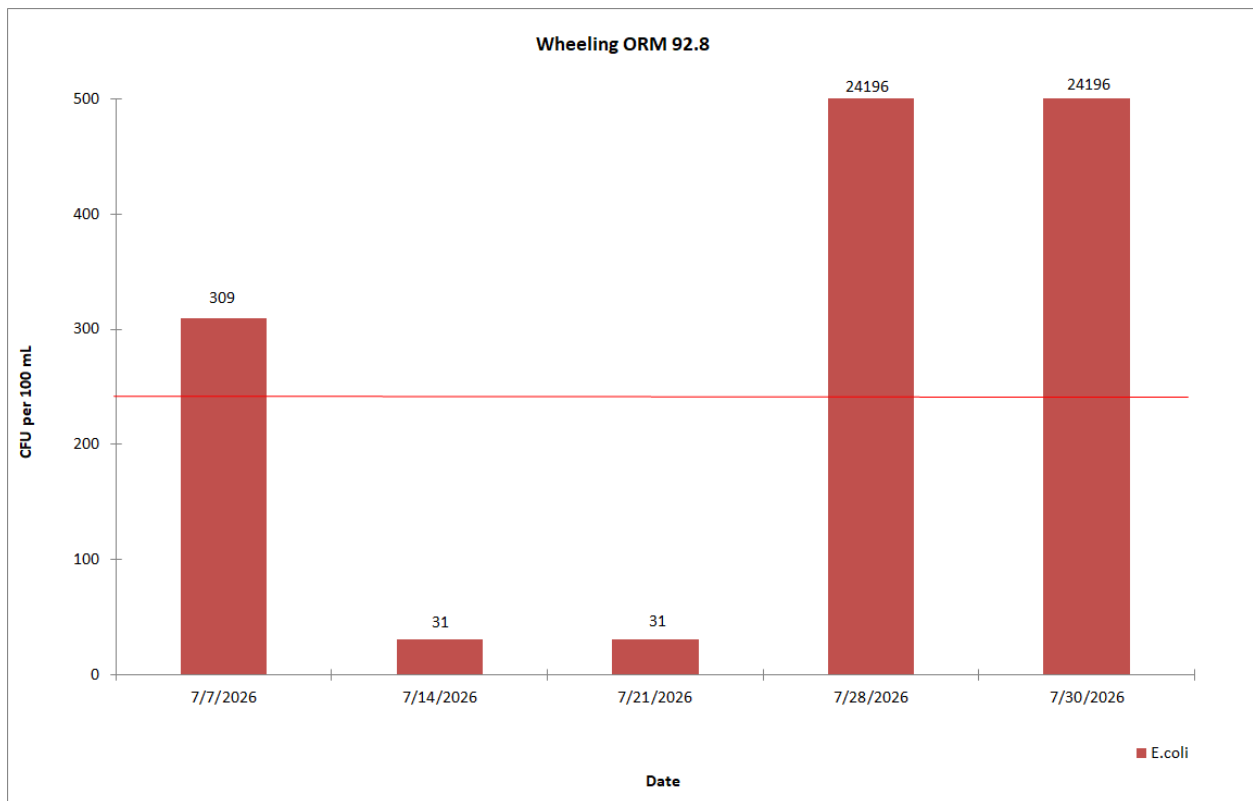
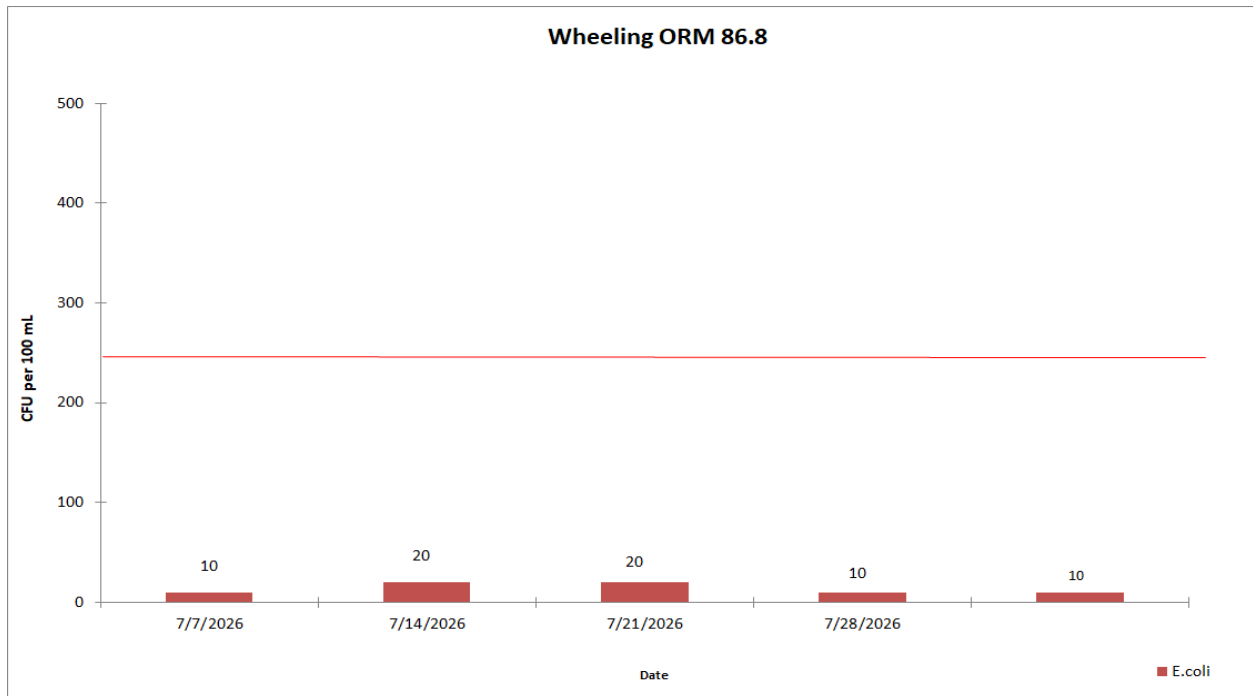
## Pittsburgh

In Pittsburgh, ORM 1.4M and ORM 4.3M both had one exceedance for *E.coli* for the month of July.



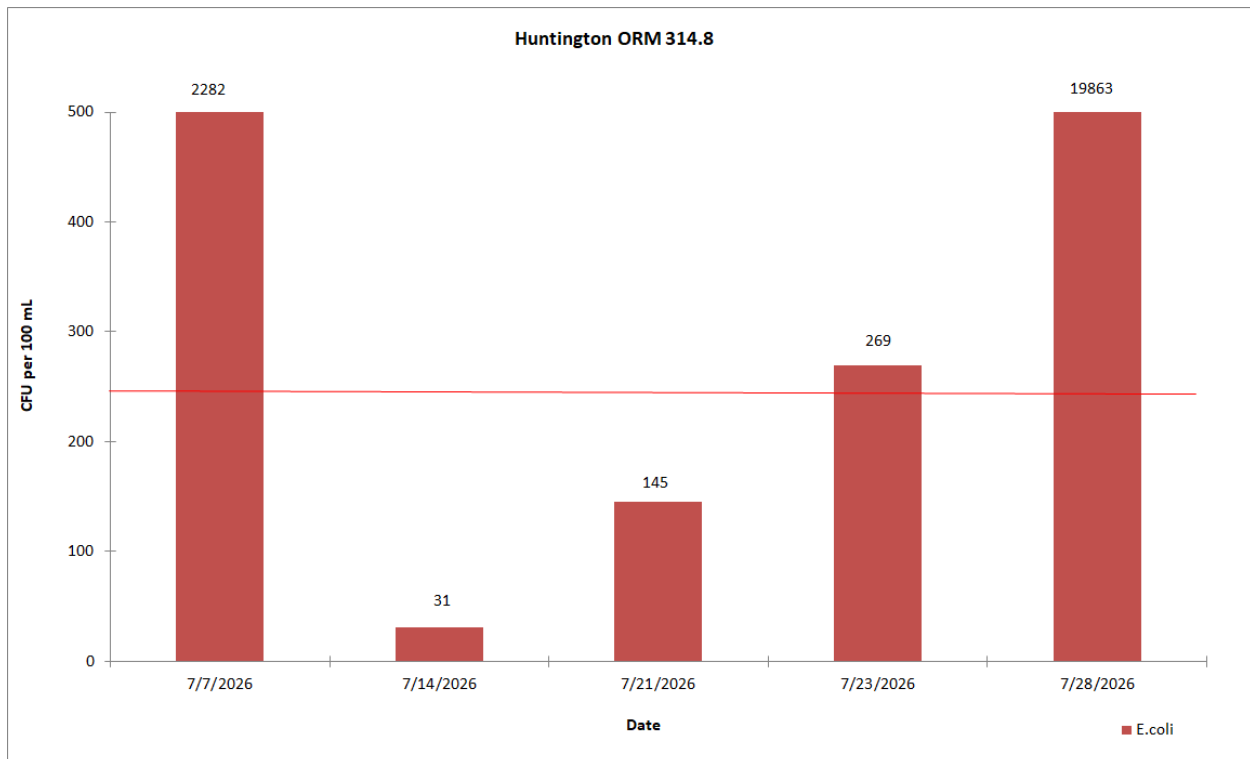
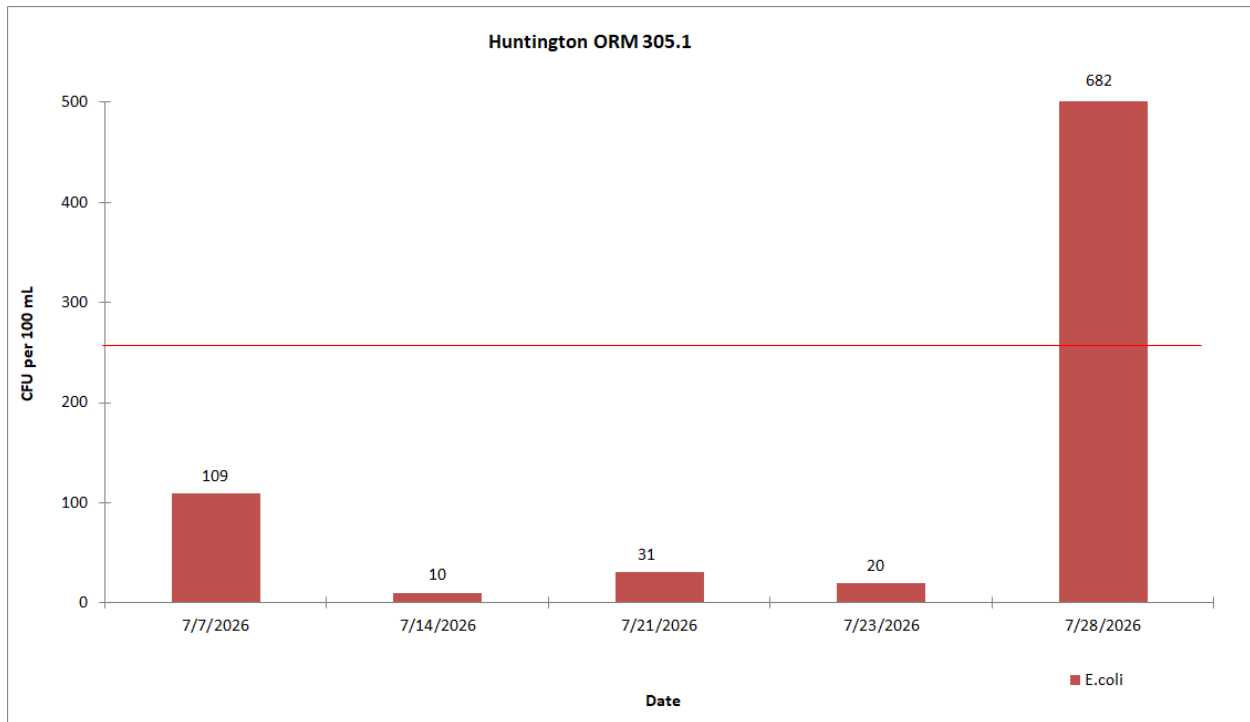
## Wheeling

In Wheeling, ORM 86.8 did not exceed the *E.coli* criteria for the month of July. ORM 92.8 had three individual exceedances for *E.coli*.



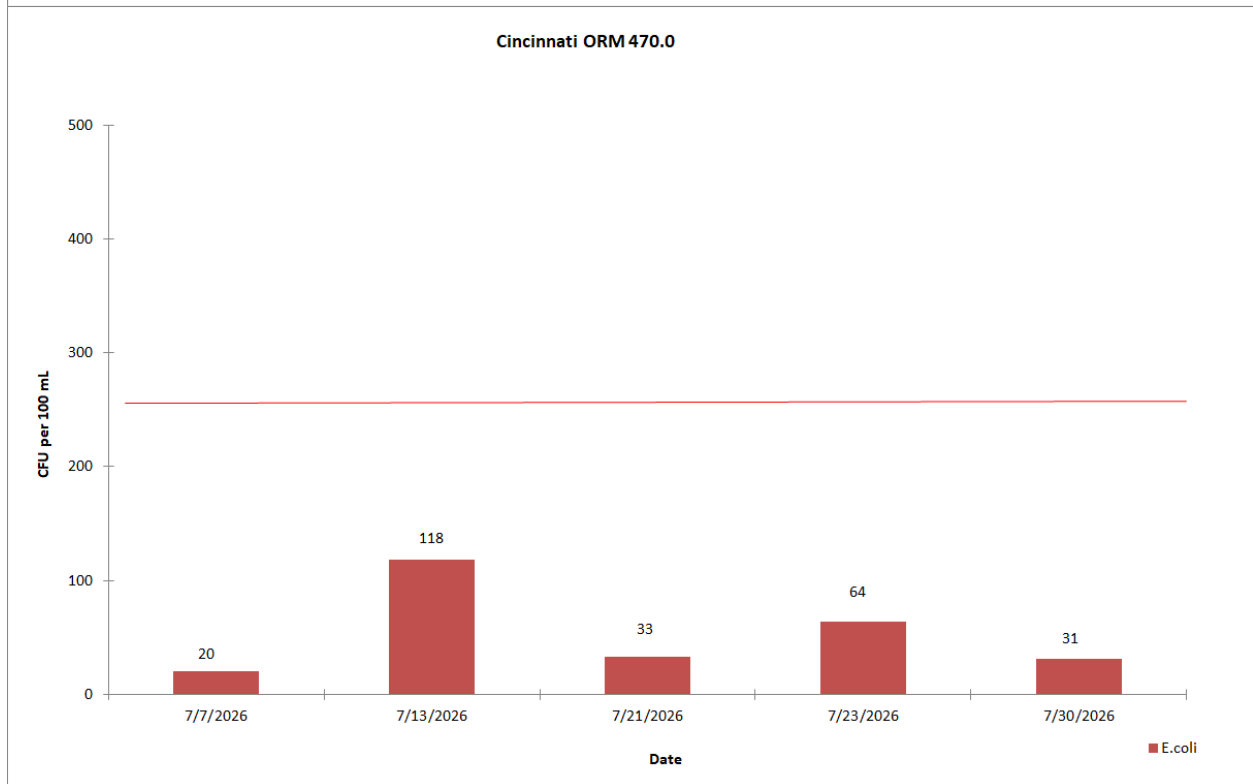
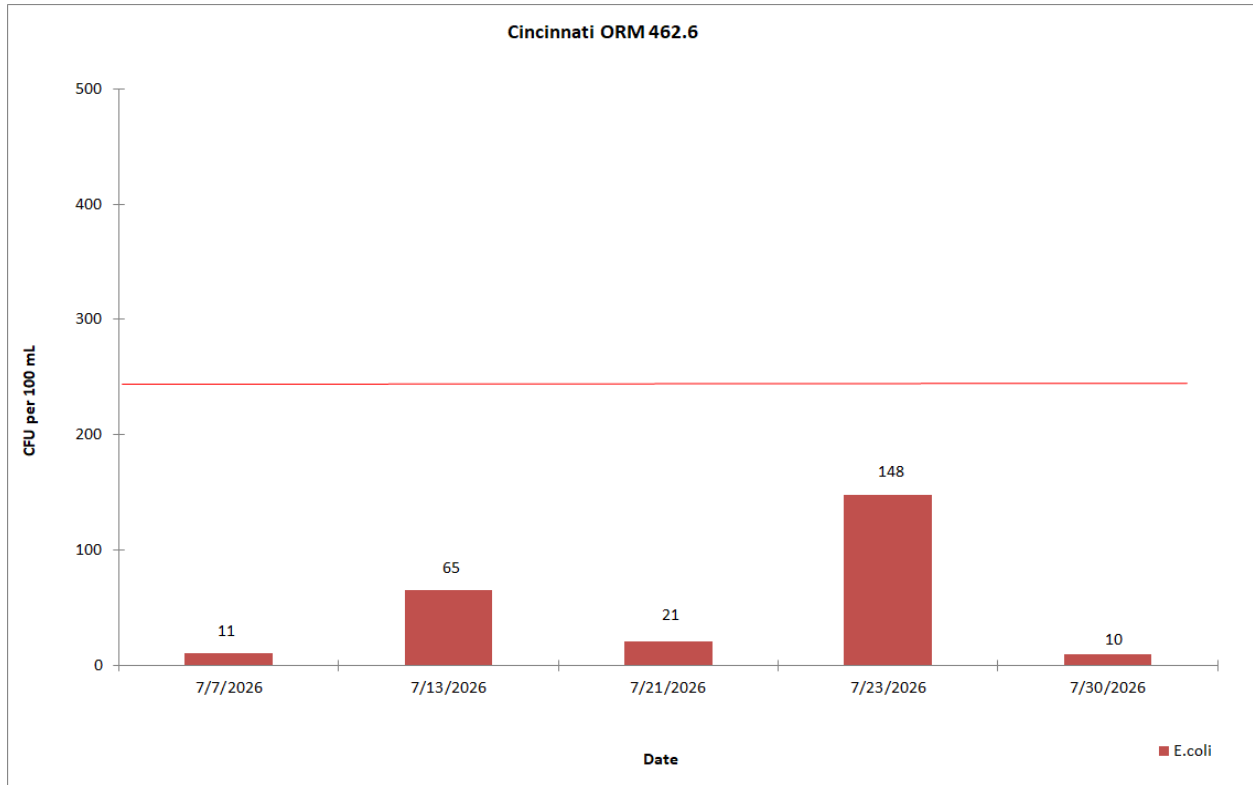
## Huntington

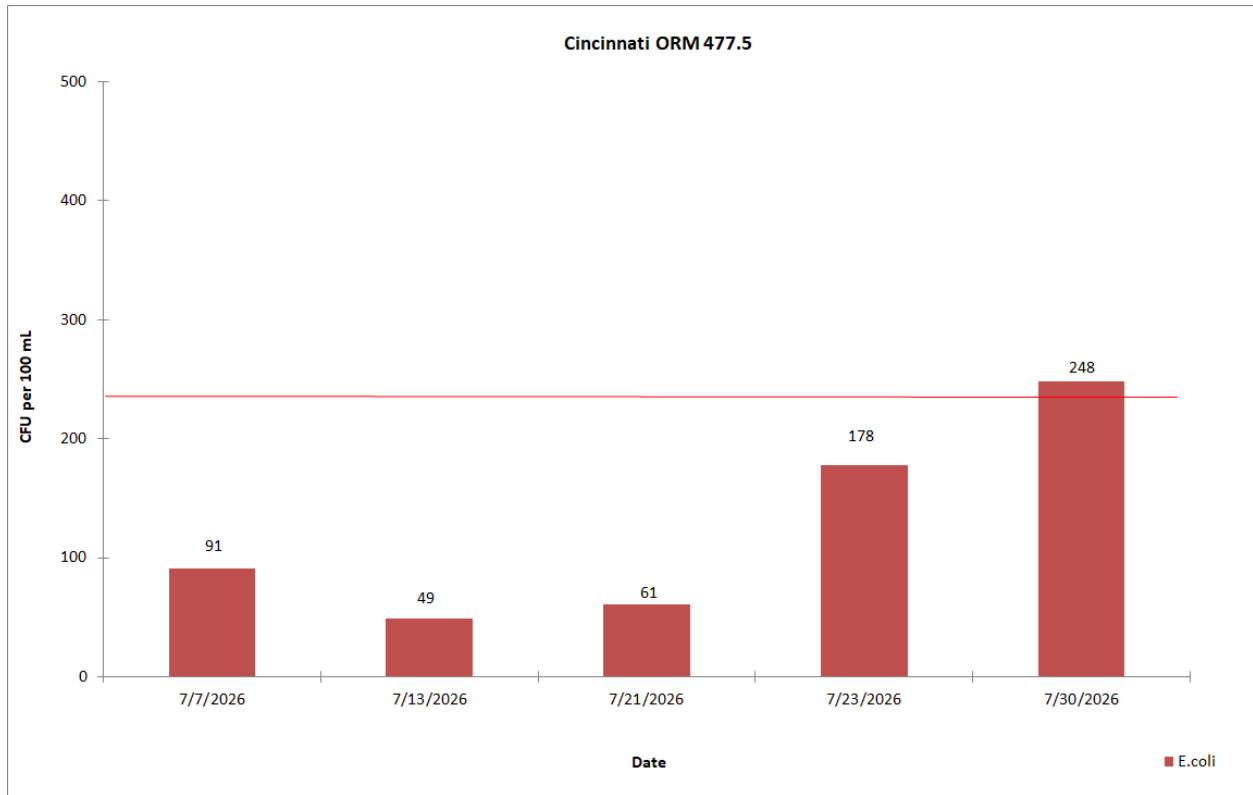
In Huntington, ORM 305.1 had one exceedance for *E.coli*. ORM 314.8 had three individual exceedances.



## Cincinnati

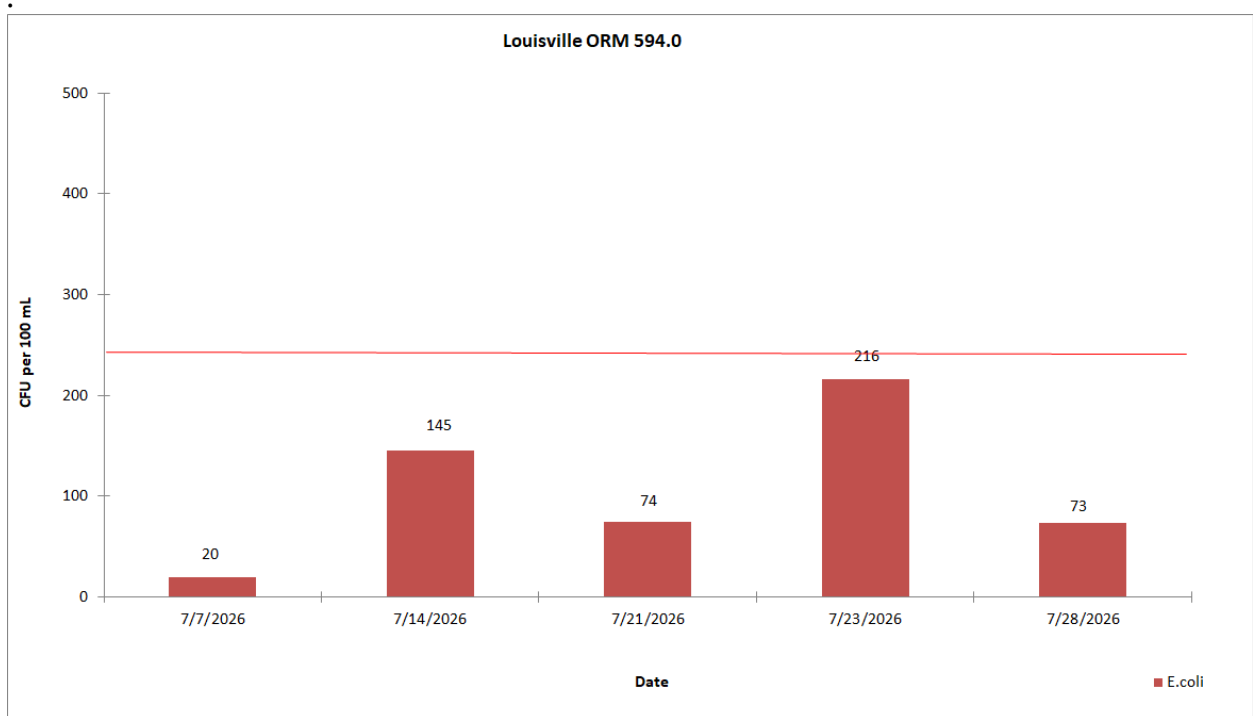
In Cincinnati, ORM 462.6 and ORM 470.0 both had no exceedances. ORM 477.5 both had one individual exceedance for *E.coli*.

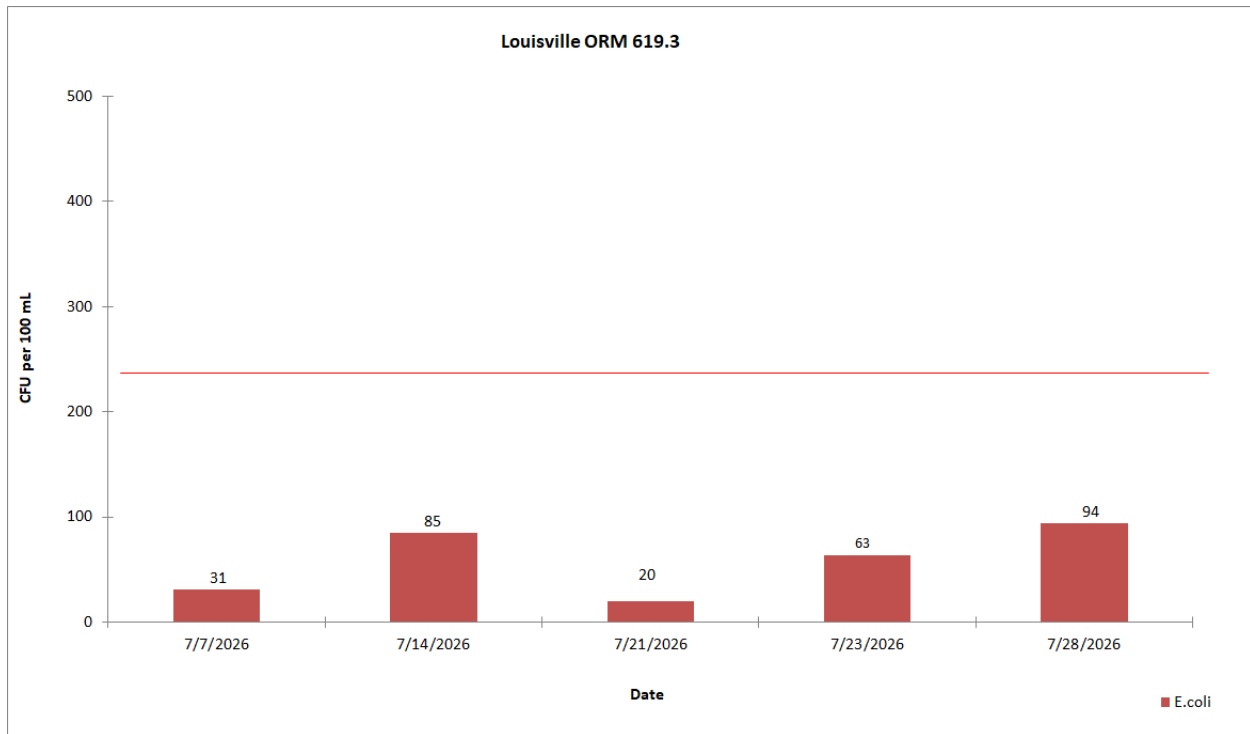




## Louisville

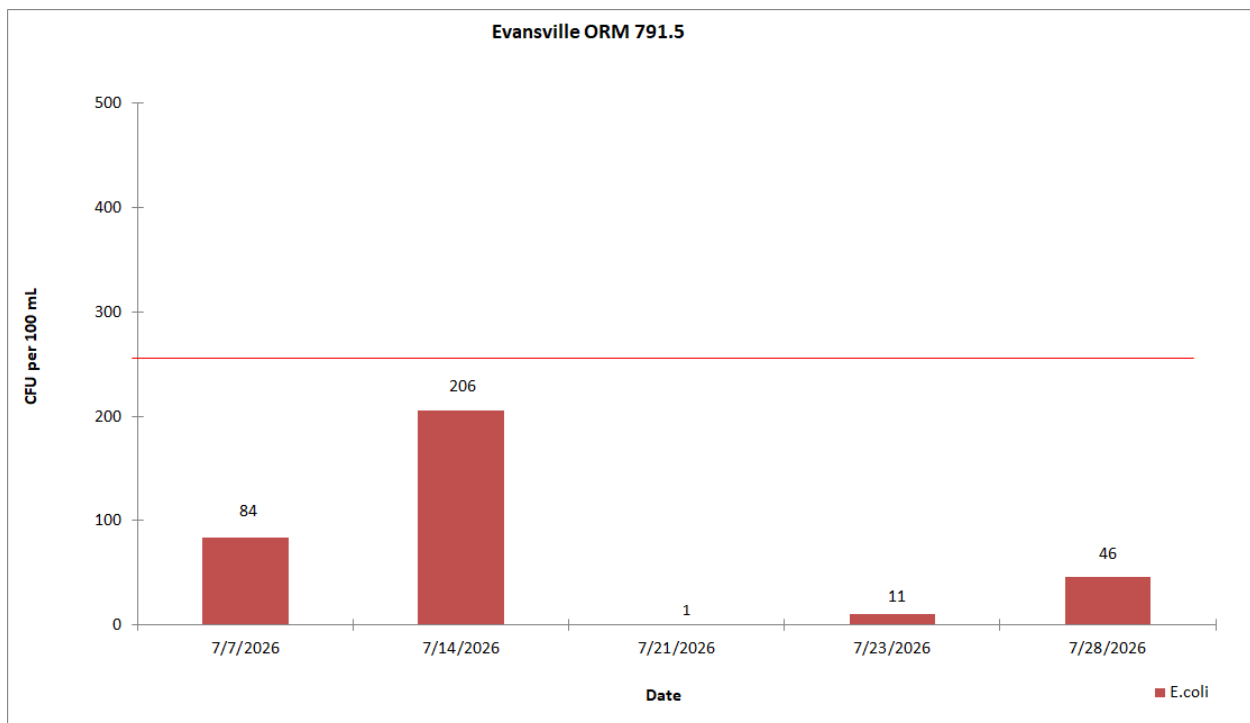
In Louisville, ORM 594.0 and ORM 619.3 both did not exceed the *E.coli* criteria for July.

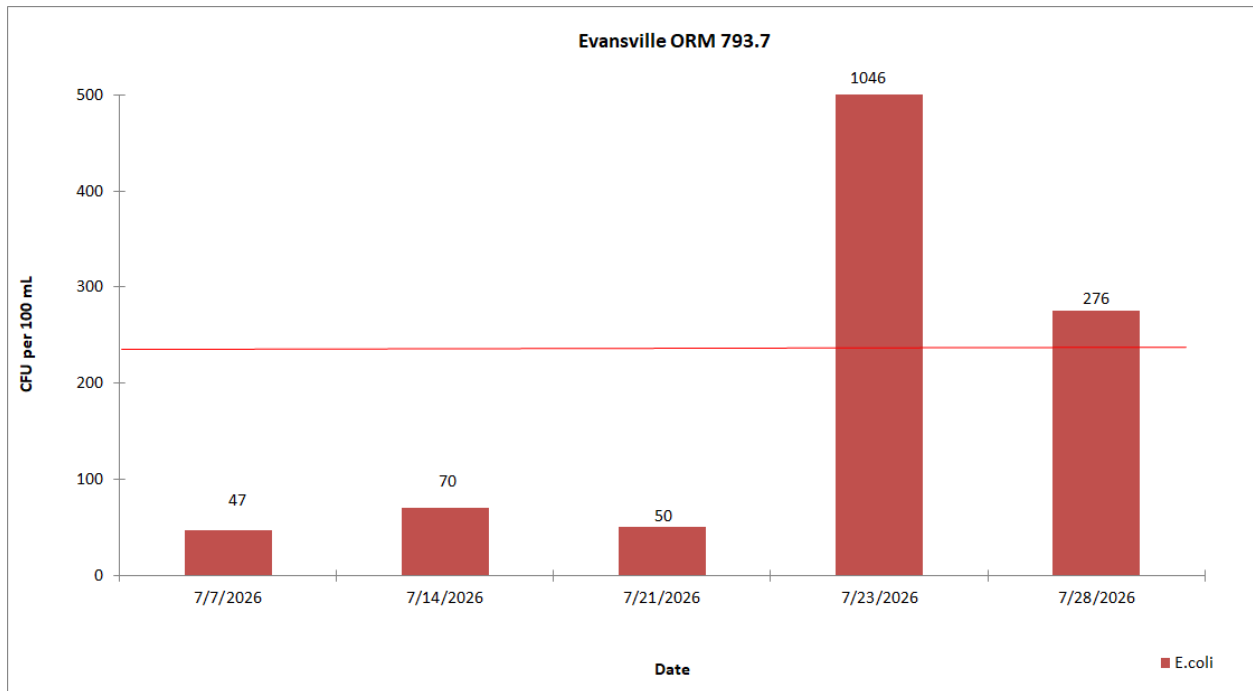




## Evansville

In Evansville, ORM 791.5 did not exceed the *E.coli* criteria for July. ORM 793.7 had two individual exceedances for *E.coli*.





## Atrazine

Evansville drinking water utility samples the Ohio River at their intake and analyzes for atrazine by immunoassay technique. Results for July 2026 are presented below. Evansville had two criteria violations of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 3.0 ug/L set by the Safe Drinking Water Act for finished drinking water.

