

# Monthly Quality Update August 2020



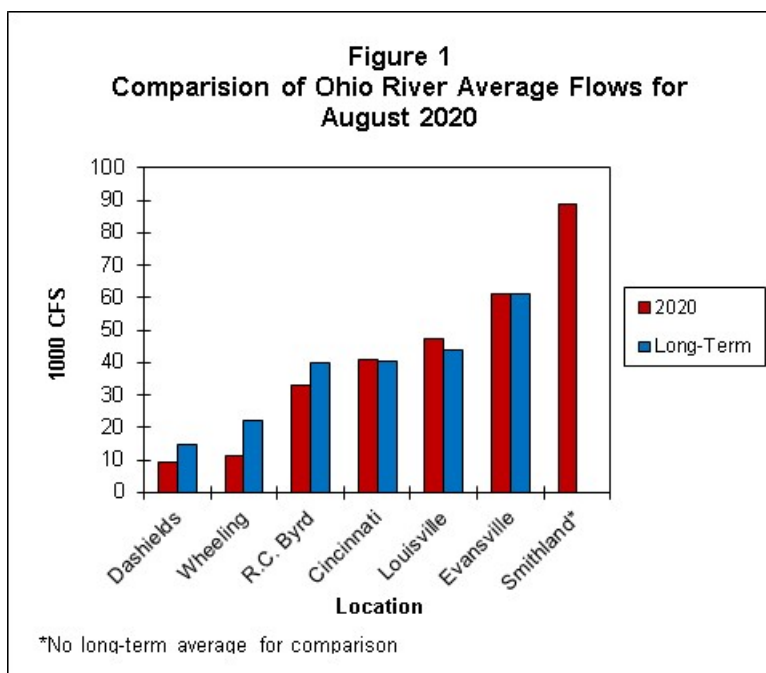
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# Flows

Average flows at seven Ohio River locations are displayed below. At each location the August 2020 average flow (red bar) is contrasted with the long-term average monthly flow (blue bar). Flows were significantly higher at all locations during the month of August.



# Bacteria

The bacteria monitoring results from five of the six Ohio River locations in August are in the attached graphs. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, Pittsburgh is unable to sample. ORSANCO's water quality criteria for the protection of human health during the contact recreation season are:

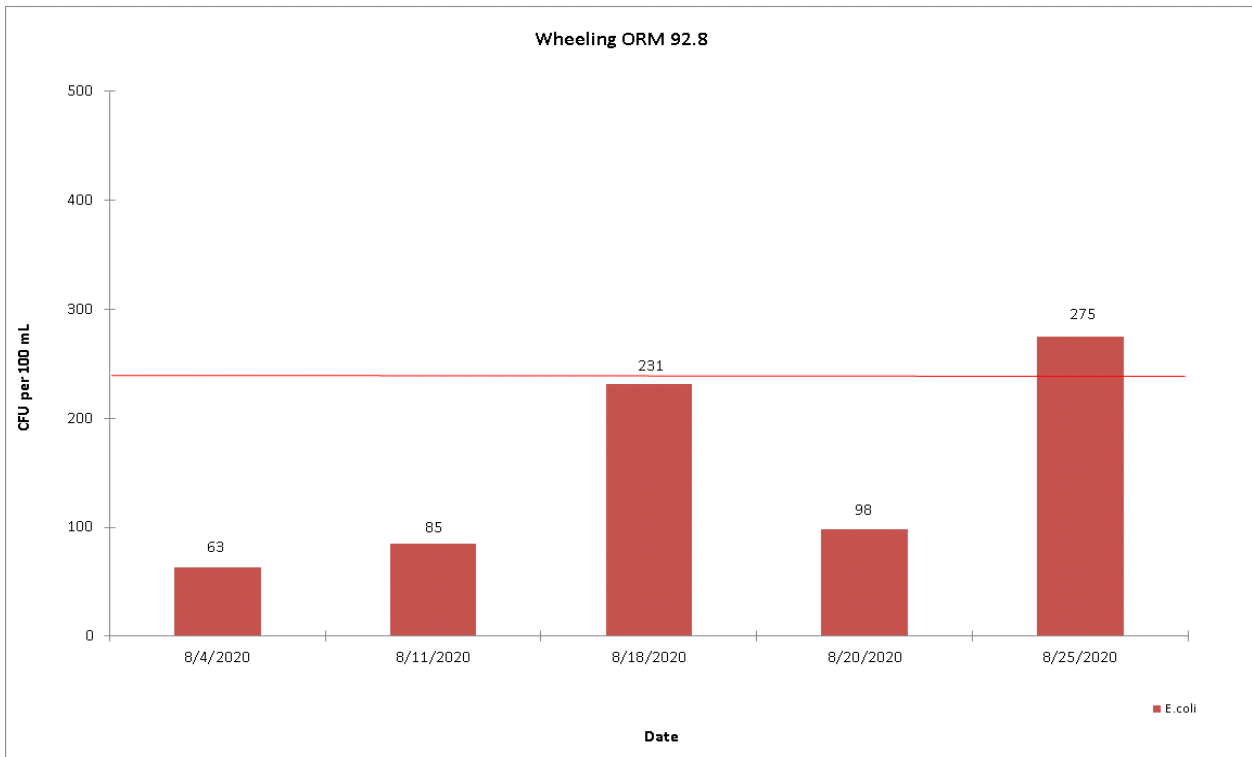
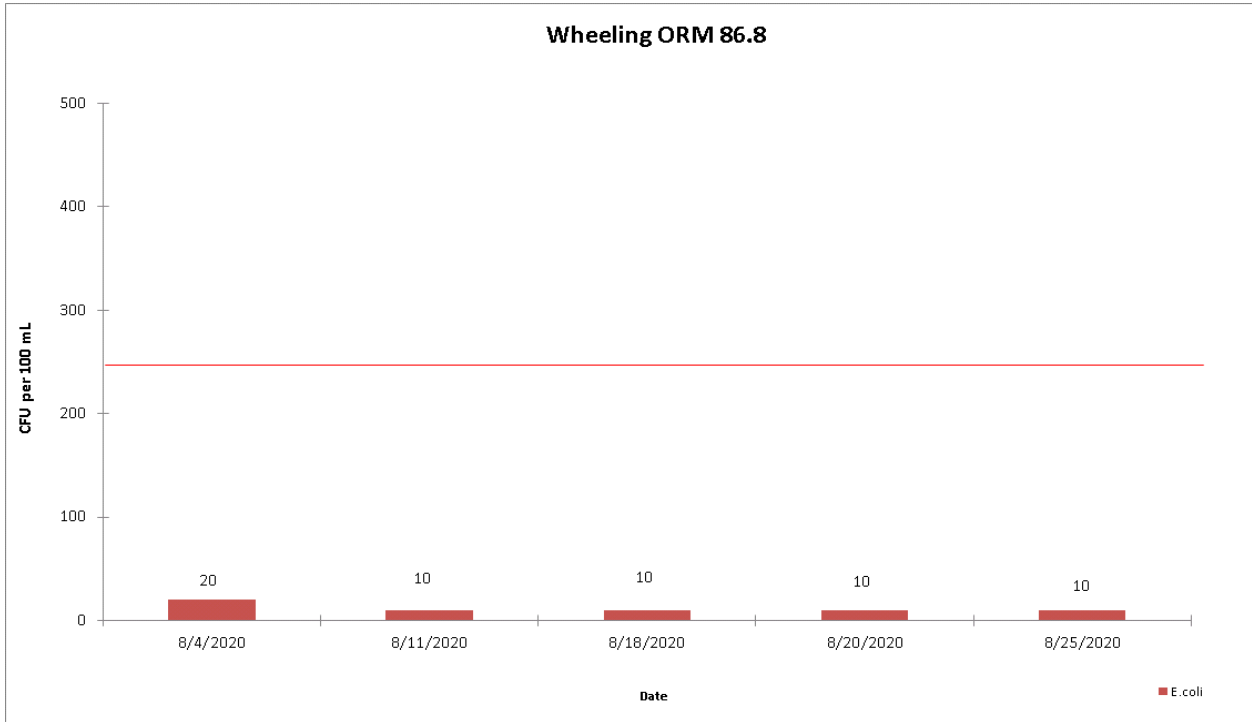
- *E. coli* count is not to exceed 240 CFU/100mL in more than 25 percent of samples. (*E. coli* is shown with a red line on the graph.)
- *E. coli* shall not exceed 130 CFU/100mL as a 90-day geometric mean, based on not less than five samples per month.

ORSANCO's water quality criteria for the protection of public water supply year round are:

- Fecal Coliform shall not exceed 2,000/100mL as a monthly geometric mean based on not less than five samples per month.

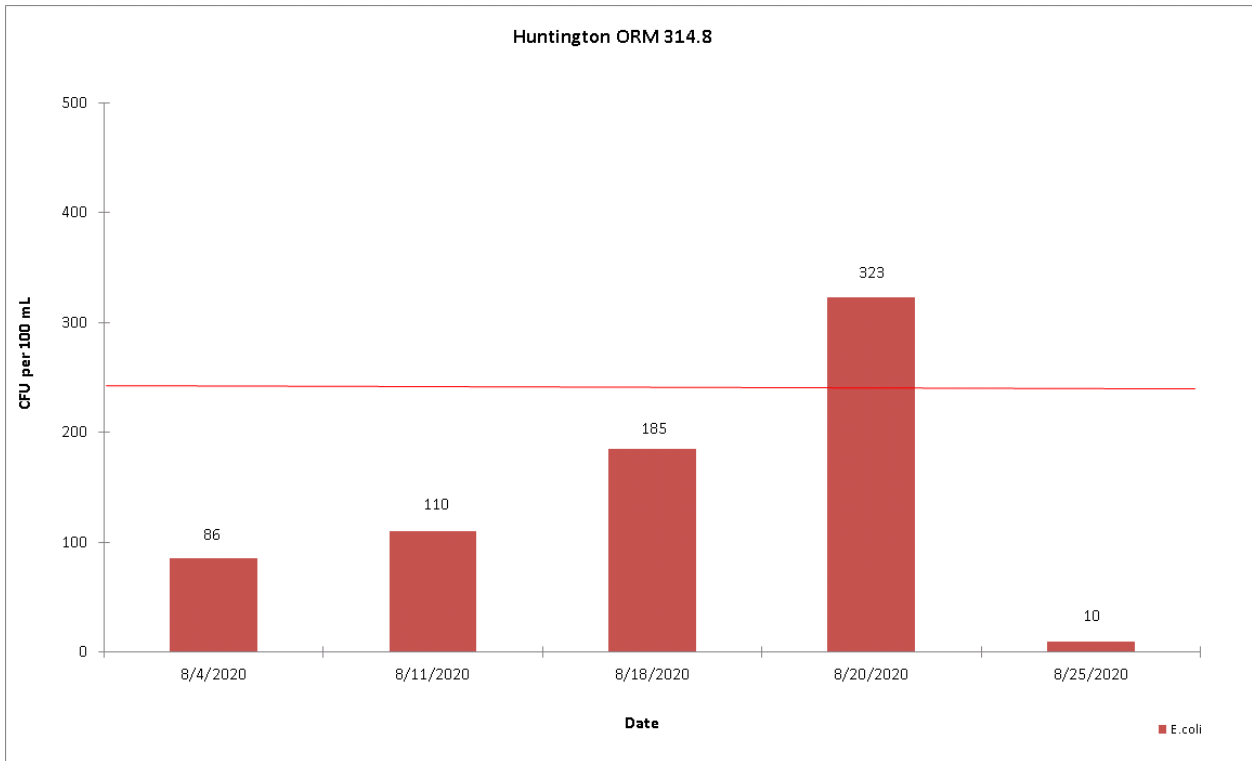
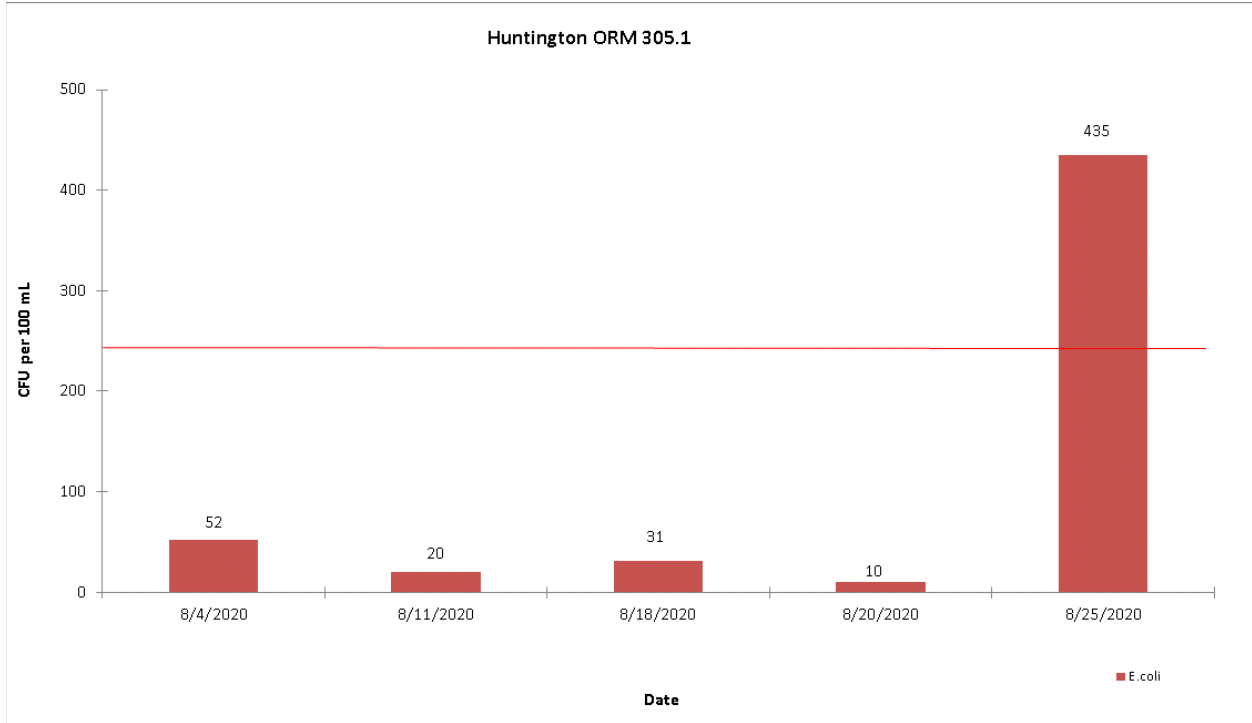
## Wheeling

In Wheeling, ORM 86.8 did not exceed the *E.coli* criteria for the month of August. ORM 92.8 had one individual exceedance for *E.coli*.



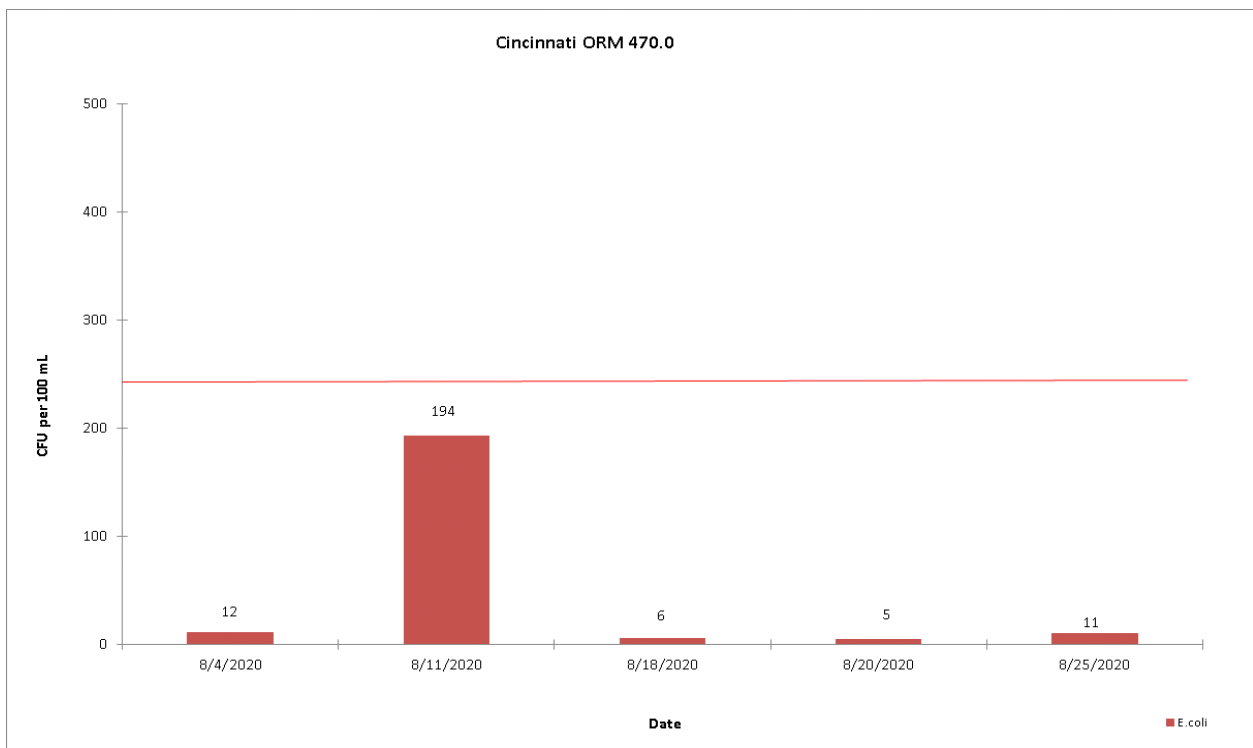
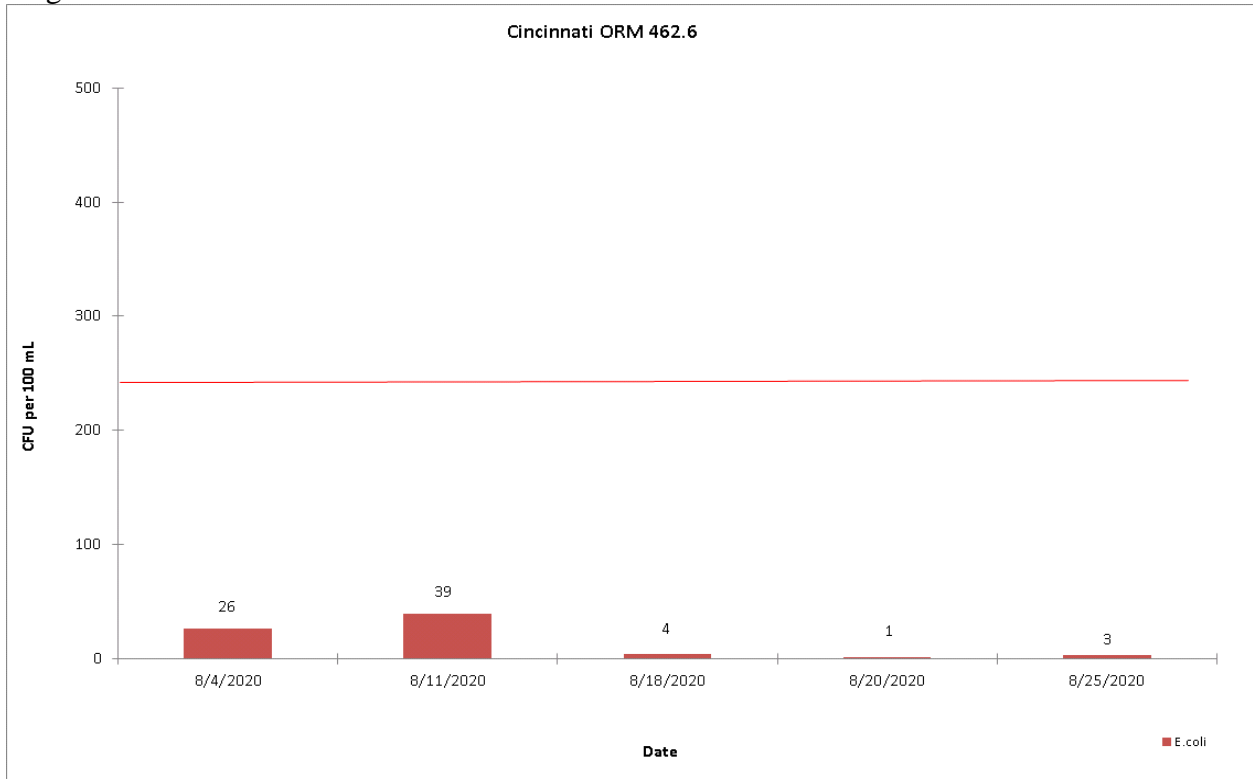
## Huntington

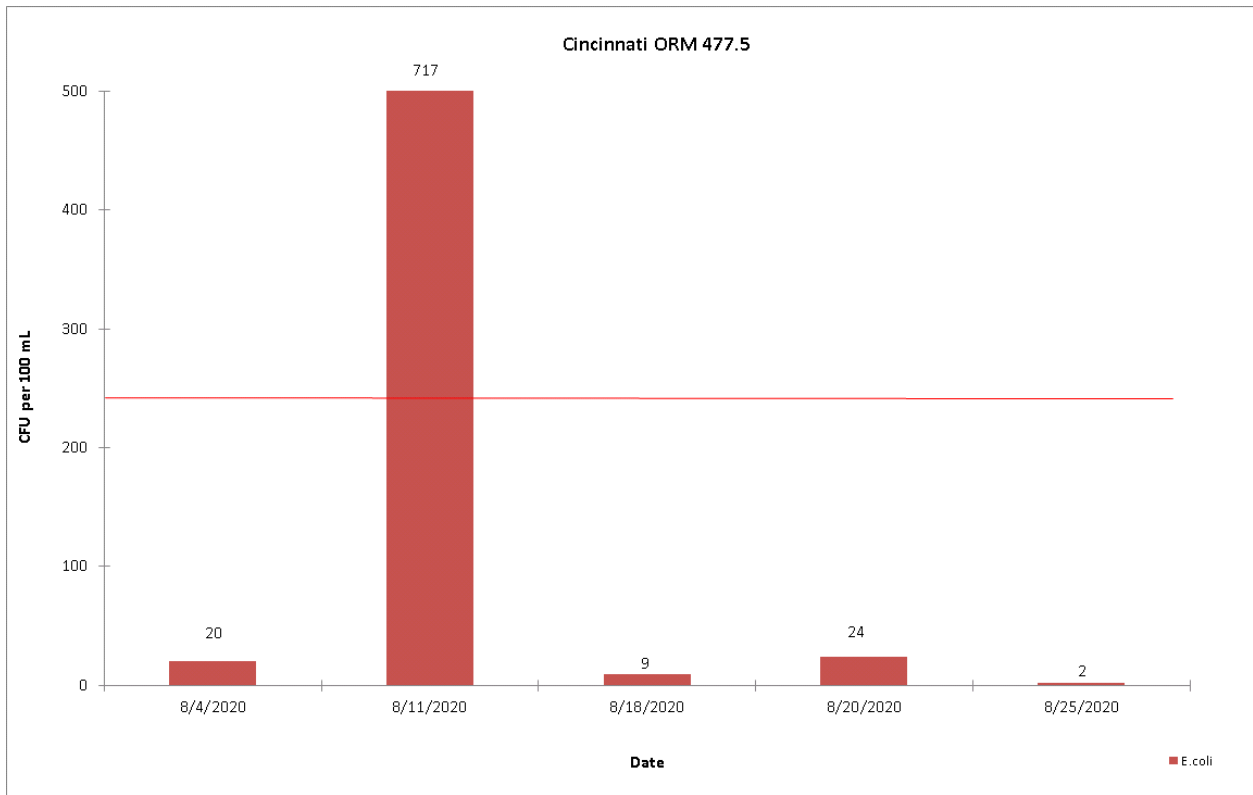
In Huntington, ORM 305.1 and ORM 314.8 both had one individual exceedance for *E.coli*.



## Cincinnati

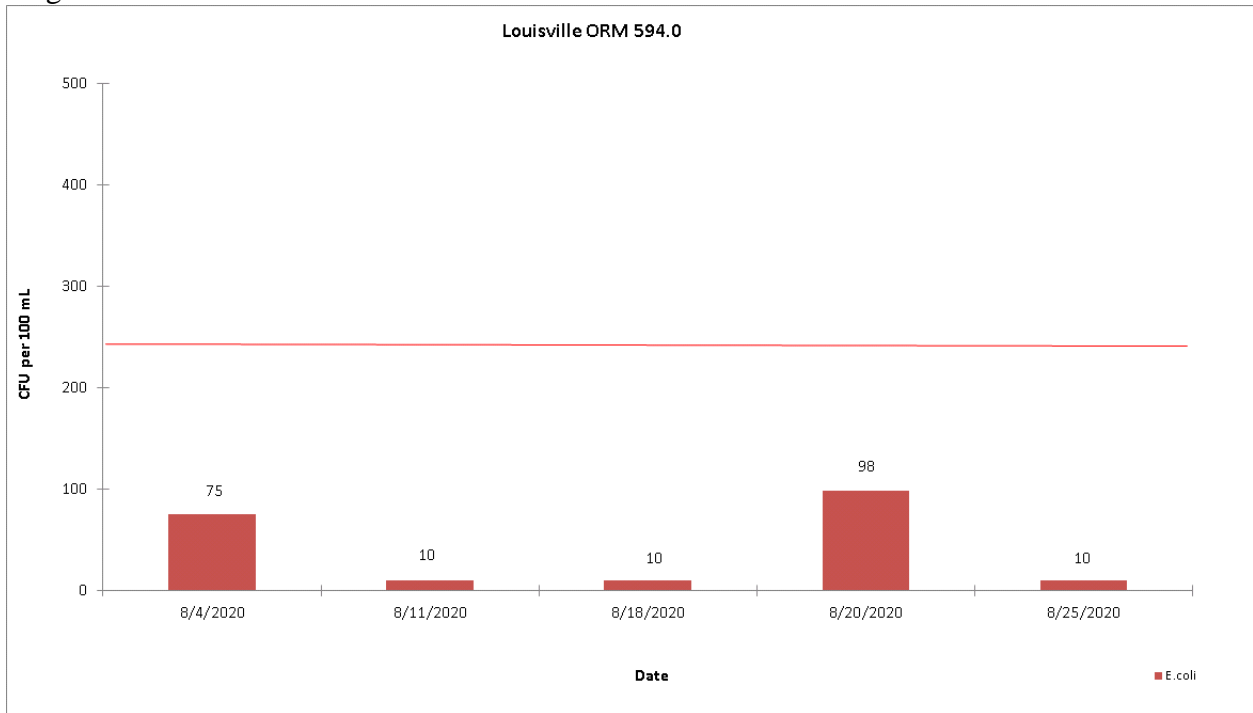
In Cincinnati, ORM 462.6 and ORM 470.0 did not exceed the *E.coli* criteria for the month of August. ORM 477.5 had one individual exceedance for *E.coli*.

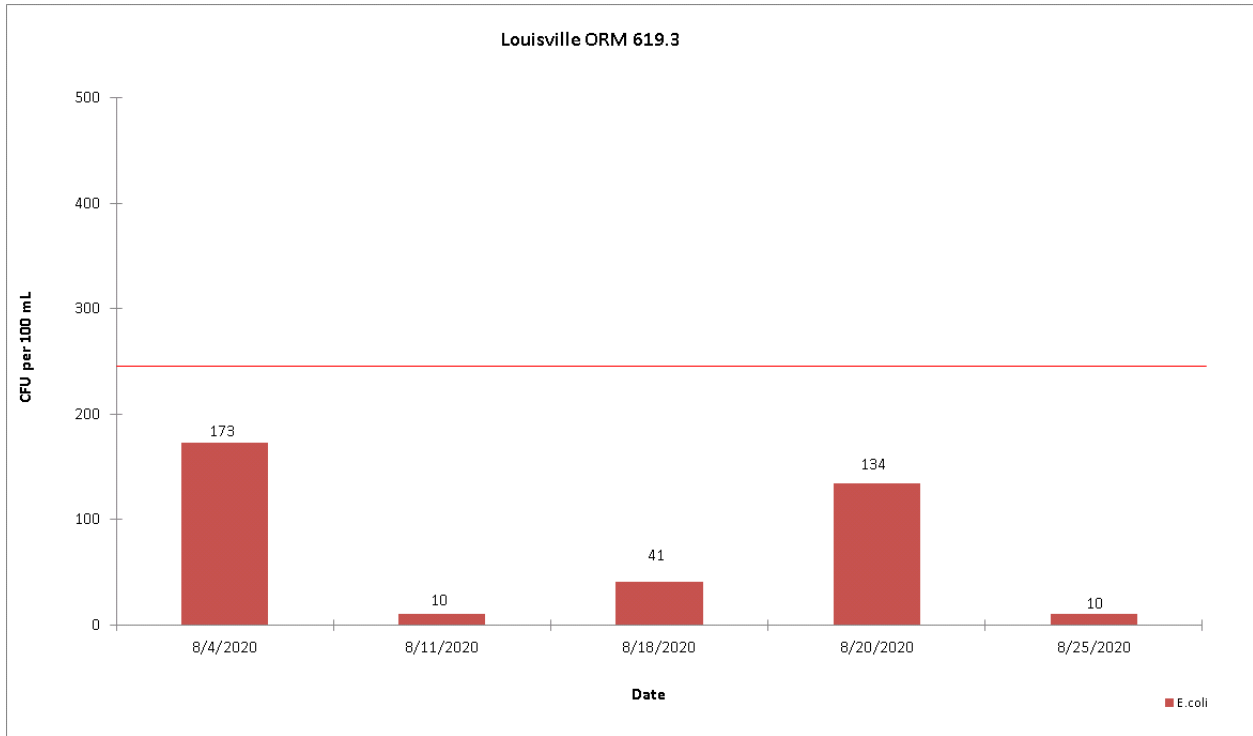




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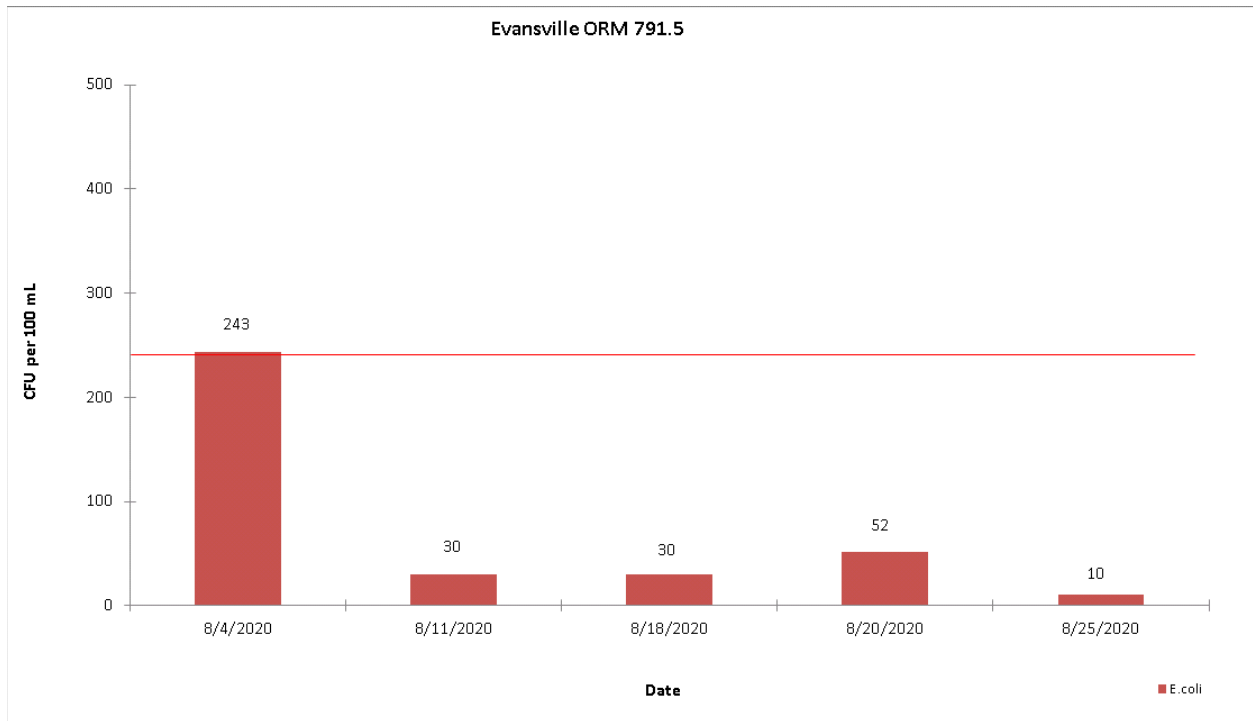
In Louisville, ORM 594.0 and ORM 619.3 did not exceed the *E. coli* criteria for the month of August.

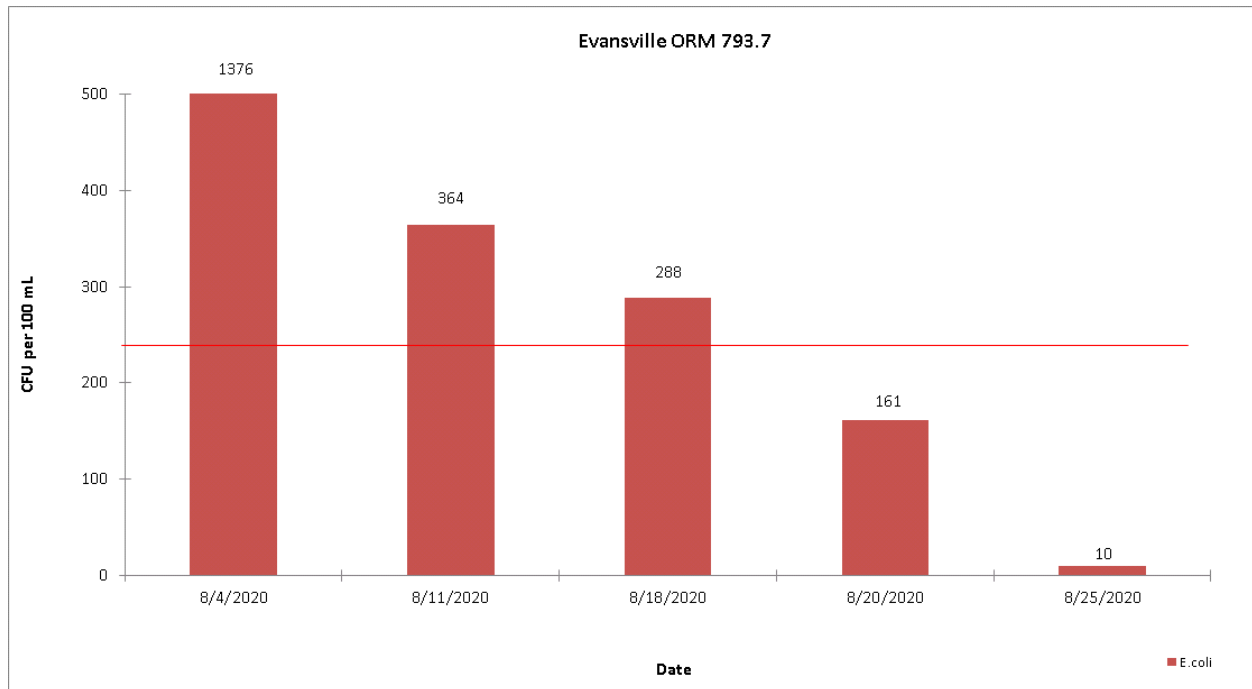




### Evansville

In Evansville, ORM 791.5 had one individual exceedance for *E.coli*. ORM 793.7 had three individual exceedances for *E.coli*.





## Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature

A summary of the dissolved oxygen and temperature readings collected in August 2020 are displayed in the attached tables. During the months of May through October, ORSANCO interrogates eleven stations for dissolved oxygen (D.O.) and temperature data once per day, Monday through Friday, for the previous 24-hour period. This data is compiled in-house to produce a report showing the minimum, maximum and average of the acquired D.O. and temperature readings. ORSANCO's water quality criteria for the protection of warm water aquatic life habitat are:

- The minimum D.O. concentration shall not be less than 4.0 mg/L at any time.
- Average D.O. concentration shall be at least 5.0 mg/L for each calendar day.
- During the April 15 – June 15 spawning season, a minimum D.O. concentration of 5.0 mg/L shall be maintained at all times.
- The monthly average of the daily maximum for August 1-31 is:
  - 89.0 °F at MP 0 to MP 341.
  - 89.0 °F at MP 341.1 to MP 606.8.
  - 89.0 °F at MP 606.9 to MP 981.

Kyger , Greenup, Markland, and McAlpine saw D.O. levels drop below the average of 5.0



mg/L. Racine, Kyger and Olmsted had instrument issues that produced invalid data. There were no temperature violations for the month of August and McAlpine did not provide any data due to instrumentation issues as well.

Please click on the link below to be directed to the DO/Temperature tables for August 2020:  
<http://www.orsanco.org/dissolved-oxygen-and-temperature>

## Atrazine

Evansville drinking water utility samples the Ohio River at their intake and analyzes for atrazine by immunoassay technique. Results for August 2020 are presented below. Evansville had no criteria violations of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 3.0 ug/L set by the Safe Drinking Water Act for finished drinking water.

