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Dear Water System Customer:

In compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, the City of De Pere Public Works Water Utility is pleased to provide you with the attached Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

This document provides information about the water supply to help you make informed decisions. Specific information includes where the water comes from, contaminants present in the water, and the risks our water testing and treatment are designed to identify and prevent. We are committed to provide the safest and most reliable water that we can. We believe that our best partners in this process are informed customers.

If you have any questions regarding the Consumer Confidence Report, please feel free to call either of us.

Sincerely,

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Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

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Water System Information

The City water utility is operated and managed by the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works meets on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM. The meetings are held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 335 S. Broadway. Every agenda has a “public comment” item where the general public can ask questions or speak on any subject matter.

The City of De Pere Water Utility is proud of the water and service that we provide to our customers. This annual report provides us an opportunity to explain our operation and provides information regarding the water we supply and how it may affect your health. We hope that this information will allow you to make informed choices. We are committed to provide a safe, efficient, and reliable water system. We hope that you find this information useful and invite your questions or comments. If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report or a summary of the source water assessment, please contact Eric Zygarlicke, Water Department Supervisor at (920) 339-4063.

Health 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 poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and 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 systems 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 Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
3	Groundwater	794	Emergency
4	Groundwater	871	Emergency
5	Groundwater	863	Emergency
6	Groundwater	787	Emergency
7	Purchased Surface Water		Active
8	Purchased Surface Water		Active
9	Purchased Surface Water		Active

Purchased Water

PWS ID	PWS Name
43602878	Central Brown County Water Authority
43603648	Manitowoc Waterworks

Educational Information

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.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term Definition

AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: 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.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

Detected Contaminants in the Distribution System

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Count of Positives	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Coliform (TCR)	presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of monthly samples	0	1	No	Naturally present in the environment
FECAL COLIFORM (E. COLI)	a routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive	0	1	No	Human and animal fecal waste

Disinfection Byproducts

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	DBP-1	60	60	13	11		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	DBP-1	80	0	21.1	16.8		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	DBP-2	60	60	14	10		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	DBP-2	80	0	22.0	16.8		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	DBP-3	60	60	16	11		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	DBP-3	80	0	26.2	20.1		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	DBP-4	60	60	17	12		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	DBP-4	80	0	28.6	20.9		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	B-17	60	60	18	14 - 21		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	B-17	80	0	42.5	25.2 - 74.6		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	B-31	60	60	19	12 - 23		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	B-31	80	0	37.3	24.1 - 59.7		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	B-32	60	60	17	10 - 18		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	B-32	80	0	56.9	40.2 - 79.7		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	DP-5	60	60	17	10 - 22		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	DP-5	80	0	32.7	15.4 - 53.6		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganics

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.2800	0 of 30 results were above the action level.	9/4/2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	1.50	0 of 30 results were above the action level.	9/4/2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Additional Health Information

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. De Pere Water Department 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 www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Purchased Water

Our water system purchases water from CENTRAL BROWN CO WATER AUTHORITY. In addition to the detected contaminants listed above, these are the results from CENTRAL BROWN CO WATER AUTHORITY.

Detected Contaminants from Purchased Water

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ANTIMONY TOTAL (ppb)		6	6	0.2	0.2	5/7/2014	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
ARSENIC (ppb)		10	n/a	1	1	5/29/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.020	0.020	6/11/2014	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CYANIDE (ppb)		200	200	10	10	5/7/2014	No	Discharge from steel/metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
FLUORIDE		4	4	0.7	0.7	6/9/2014	No	Erosion of natural

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
(ppm)								deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		0.91	0.9100	5/7/2014	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	0.44	0.44		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	1.5	1.5	5/7/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)
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Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)
BROMODICHLORMETHANE (ppb)	5.9	5.9	
CHLOROFORM (ppb)	5.7	5.7	
DIBROMOCHLORMETHANE (ppb)	3	3	6/9/2014
SODIUM (ppm)	6.6	6.6	
SULFATE (ppm)	22	22	5/29/2014
CHROMIUM (ppb)	0.3	0.2 - 0.3	2014-2015 Manitowoc and De Pere UCMR Monitoring
CHROMIUM-6 (ppb)	0.2	0.1 - 0.2	2014-2015 Manitowoc and De Pere UCMR Monitoring
STRONTIUM (ppb)	276	110 - 276	2014-2015 Manitowoc and De Pere UCMR Monitoring
VANADIUM (ppb)	0.3	0.2 - 0.3	2014-2015 Manitowoc and De Pere UCMR Monitoring

Turbidity Monitoring

In accordance with s. NR 810.29, Wisconsin Administrative Code, the treated surface water is monitored for turbidity to confirm that the filtered water is less than 0.1 NTU/0.3NTU. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor for it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. During the year, the highest single entry point turbidity measurement was 0.06 NTU.

Other Compliance

Monitoring and Reporting Violations

Description	Contaminant Group	Sample Location	Compliance Period Beginning	Compliance Period Ending
FAILURE TO COLLECT DBP SAMPLES	Disinfection Byproduct Analysis	Distribution System	7/16/2015	7/26/2015

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the compliance period noted in the above table, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for the contaminant(s) noted, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

Actions Taken

The De Pere Water Department has changed our procedures to check the sampling requirements more often.

System News

During 2015, the City continued our replacement of older water lines focusing on those in areas where we will be reconstructing roads, or are experiencing excessive water main breaks. The areas where water main were replaced included: Ninth Street – Main Avenue to Cedar Street; Pine Street – Ninth Street to Seventh Street (water services only); Wisconsin Street – George Street to James Street and from Williams Street to Cass Street; Washington Street – Merrill Street to Chicago Street; Michigan Street – William Street to Ridgeway Boulevard; and Grace Street – Jordan Road to the East City Limit. The City also continued with its annual hydrant replacement, and City wide cross connection inspection programs.

In 2016, the City will continue to replace older water lines in areas with scheduled reconstruction/resurfacing, including: Ninth Street – Cedar Street to Spruce Street; Elm Street – Ninth Street to cul-de-sac east of Eighth Street; Spruce Street – Ninth Street to Eighth Street; Oak Street – Ninth Street to Seventh Street; Eighth Street – 150' south of Oak Street to Ash Street; Westwood Drive – Suburban Drive to Seventh Street; Franklin Street – Front Street to Broadway Street; Geneva Street – Bluebird Street to Jordan Road.

In 2016 the City will also be doing the following work: repainting hydrants City wide, and Ninth Street Reservoir maintenance and repairs.

In 2016 the City will continue with the residential, commercial, and industrial cross connection inspection program being conducted by Hydro Corp.

In 2016, the City will continue installing the automated meter reading system.

If you have any questions you may contact Eric Zygarlicke, Water Department Supervisor at 339-4063 or Scott Thoresen, Director of Public Works at 339-8095 or Larry Delo, City Administrator, and De Pere's representative on the water authority at 339-4044.