

Walnutport Authority Drinking Water Quality

Report

Borough. east of the Borough of Walnutport in Lehigh ensuring the quality of your water. Our sources are five drilled wells, four located water resources. We are committed to every day. Our constant goal is to provide quality water and services we deliver to you lownship report is designed to inform you about the the water treatment process and protect our the efforts we make to continually improve drinking water. We want you to understand you with a safe and dependable supply of Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This We're pleased to present to you this year's and located



We at the Walnutport Authority work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mr. Michael Newhard at (610) 767-7887. We want our valued customers to be informed about their Water Utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Walnutport Borough Hall.



Walnutport Authority Water and Sewer

417 Lincoln Avenue Walnutport, PA 18088 (610) 767-7887 Public Water Supply Identification (PWSID)

Number is 3480032

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Undetected impurities Tested for by Walnutport Authority Volatile Organic Carbofuran

o-Dichlorobenzene Xylenes [Total] Vinyl chloride trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene Toluene Para-Dichlorobenzene cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene Trichloroethylene Styrene Ethylbenzene Tetrachloroethylene Chiorobenzene **Dichloromethane** Carbon tetrachloride Benzene 1,2-Dichloroethane Contaminants ,2-Dichloropropane 1,1,1-Trichloroethane 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene 1,1,2-Trichloroethane ,1-Dichloroethylene Pentachlorophenol PCBs Dinoseb Oxymal (vydate) Lindane Glyphosate Diquat Toxaphene Simazine Methoxychlor Hexachlorocyclopentadiene Hexachlorobenzene Ethylene dibromide (edb) Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate Chlordane piclorem Heptachlor epoxide Heptachlor Endrin Endothal Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate

Microbial Contaminants Total Coliforms

Radiological Contaminants
Combined Uranium

Gross Alpha Radium-226

Synthetic Organic Contaminants 1,2-dibromo,3-chloroprop

Chromium

2,3,7,8-tcdd (dioxin) 2,4 - D 2,4,5 - TP Silvex Alachlor

Atrazine Benzo(a)pyrene

Inorganic Contaminants (2012)

Antimony
s Arsenic
Asbestos
Barium
Beryllium
Cadmium

Cyanide (Free)
Fluoride
Lead (2013)
Mercury
Nickel
Nitrite (2014)
Selenium
Thallium

Note: Not all contaminants are sampled for every year, according to DEP regulations. Those contaminants that were not sampled for in 2014 are noted with the last year of sampling.

What Does This Mean?

requirements. water meets or exceeds all federal and state the PA DEP. We are proud that your drinking passed the drinking water standards set forth by third Quarter, and the quality of the water in July 2014. The Authority did the required The new Heimbach source was brought online Radionuclides before the deadline for the tests third Quarter of 2014, we did not perform the MCL violations this year. However, during the shows the results of our monitoring for 2014. As monitoring two weeks after the due date for the Quarterly testing for SOC's, you can see by the table, our system had no Federal and State laws. impurities in your drinking water, according to The Walnutport Authority routinely monitors for The adjacent table Voc's,

Definitions:

In the table you will find some terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Milligrams per liter (mg/l) or Parts per million (ppm) - one milligram per liter corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Micrograms per liter (ugll) or Parts per billion (ppb) - one microgram per liter corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" is 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 "Goal" is 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.

impurities Detected by Walnutport Authority

| | WA Detected | WA Highest | | Highest Level | EPA MCLG (EPA | | u: I ki |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|----------------------|--|------------------|
| Substance | Range | Detected Level | | Allowed (MCL) | Goal) | Sources of Contamination | V/N Violation |
| | | Se | condary (A | Secondary (Aesthetic) Contaminants (7/2010) | nants (7/2010) | | |
| Manganese* | 0.043 - 0.049 mg/l | 0.049 mg/l | | 0.05 mg/l | 0.05 mg/l | Geology naturally present in the environment | 2 |
| Iron* | 0 - 0.02 mg/l | 0.02 mg/l | | 0.3 mg/l | 0.3 mg/l | Geology, naturally present in the environment | 2 2 |
| | | | lno | Inorganic Contaminants | ٠ ا | | 1 |
| Nitrate | 1.66 - 4.28 mg/l | 4.28 mg/l | | 10 mg/l | 10 mg/l | Geology fertilizer runoff sewago | 2 |
| | | | disinfectant | isinfectant and Disinfection By-Products | By-Products | office of the state of the stat | 2 |
| Chlorine (Distribution) | 0.66 - 1.22 mg/l | 1.22 mg/l | | 4.0 mg/l | 4.0 ma/l | • 1 | - |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) | 1.0 - 10.0 ug/l | 5.5 un/l | | 60 10/ | VIIV | water additive used to colling micropes | 2 |
| Total Trihalomethanes | | 0.0 09.1 | - | oo ugr | WA. | by-product of drinking water disinfection | z |
| (TTHMs) | 2.8 - 23.3 ug/l | 13.1 ug/l | | 80 ug/l | N/A | By-product of drinking water disinfection | Z |
| Bromodichioromethane (THM) | 1.0 – 6.9 ug/l | 6.9 ug/l | | N/A | 0 110/1 | By product of dripking water phlacings | |
| Chlorodibromomethane (THM) | 1.1 – 4.1 ug/l | 4.1 ug/l | | N/A | N/A | By product of drinking water chlorington | 2 |
| Cnlorotorm (THM) | 0.7 - 11.5 ug/l | 11.5 ug/l | | N/A | 70 ug/l | By-product of drinking water chlorination | 2 2 |
| profilororii (Inm) | 0.0 - 0.8 ug/l | 0.8 ug/l | - | N/A | 0 ug/l | By-product of drinking water chlorination | 2 2 |
| Combined Dadi | | | Radio | Radiological Contaminants | ants | | |
| Complined Radium 225/228 | 0.0 - 2.5 pCi/l | 2.5 pCi/l | | 5.0 pCi/l | 0 pCi/l | Geology, naturally present in the environment | Z |
| Mothyl fort buttle other (MTDE) | | | Volatile | Volatile Organic Contaminants | inants | | |
| wearyi-tert-butyl-eater (MTBE) | 1.0 - 1./ ug/l | 1.7 ug/l | | N/A | N/A | Octane enhancer in unleaded gasoline | Z |
| | | | Lead ar | ead and Copper Rule (6/2013) | /2013) | X | |
| WA | ction 90th | Action | EPA # | # of Sites Above AL | L Violation | | Violation |
| | + | Level | MCLG | of Total Sites | _ | Source of Contamination | V/N Violation |
| 0.043 - 0.027 (fig) | 27 mg/l 0.348 mg/l | 1.3 mg/l | 0 mg/l | 0 of 10 | Z | Corrosion of pipes, geology wood preservatives | 2 |
| | | | Entry Poi | Entry Point Disinfectant Residual | esidual | | |
| | num Lowest | | | | | | |
| Substance Disinfectant | ectant Level | Range of Detections | etections | Date of Lo | Date of Lowest Value | Source of Contamination | Violation |
| Residua | dual Detected | | | | | | Υ'N |
| ╁ | - | 1.0 - 1.5 mg/l | 5 mg/l | 5/21 | 5/21/2014 | Water additive used to control microbes | 2 |
| + | mg/l 1.0 mg/l | 1.0 - 1.7 mg/l | 7 mg/l | 6/29 | 6/29/2014 | | Z |
| Childrine, Location 105 0.70 mg/ | mg/l 1.0 mg/l | 1.0 - 1.5 mg/l | mg/l | 6/25 | 6/25/2014 | Water additive used to control microbos | 2 2 |
| *Manganese and Iron are regulated by a secondary mayimum contaminant local (MCI) | hy a secondary mavim | m contaminant la | | | | COUNTY INCIDENT | 1 |

is 15 ug/l. *Manganese and Iron are regulated by a secondary maximum contaminant level (MCL), a standard which was established to address issues of aesthetics (discoloration), not health concerns.
**The 90th percentile results were reported for Copper and Lead as the Highest Detected Levels. Lead was not detected during the 2013 sampling event, and there were no Copper samples above the required Action Level (AL) shown above. Lead and Copper are regulated using a Treatment Technique which requires systems to control the corrosiveness of their water. The Action Level serves as a trigger for water systems to take additional treatment steps if exceeded in more than 10% of tap water samples. The Action Level for Copper is 1.3 mg/l, and the Action Level for Lead

Definitions: (Continued)

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 contamination.

Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level (MinRDL) - The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.

Picocuries per liter (pCill) - A measure of radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Know the Health Effects

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by contaminants that are naturally occurring or man made. Those contaminants can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All 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 the 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 at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons 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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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 materials 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 byproducts 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 which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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

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.