



Village of Arlington, Ohio

DRINKING WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

THE YEAR 2008

The Village of Arlington Board of Public Affairs has prepared the following report to provide information to you, the consumer, on the quality of our drinking water. Included within this report is general health information, water quality test results, how to participate in decisions concerning your drinking water and water system contacts.

What's new with your water system and future plans?

In the last couple of years backflow preventers have had to be installed by the businesses in the Village per EPA regulations. This year was the deadline for the project. Future projects will be a new brine line running to Buck Run and with assistance from the Village waste water. Any questions about Water Treatment Plant and or your water phone numbers to call may be sought at the Village's web site: villageofarlington.com.

Where does your water come from?

The Village's three drinking water wells are located in a well field north and west of the water treatment plant located on County Road 24 (Fellowship Drive) just west of US Route 68 (Main Street) in Arlington.

The Village of Arlington acquires its drinking water from a fractured carbonate (limestone and dolostone) bedrock aquifer (underground source of water) that is covered by approximately 20 feet of glacial till. The glacial till is composed primarily of silt and clay, materials that restricts the movement of contaminants into the aquifer. The relatively thin layer of glacial till provides limited protection from contaminants, and the aquifer is therefore moderately sensitive to contamination. The Village has identified several potential significant contaminant sources within the protection area. Those are a mix of small businesses, a grain storage facility, and agricultural activities. There are no industrial potential contaminant sources within the protection area and the Village's water supply has never shown any evidence of contaminant. The combination of a moderately sensitive aquifer and the limited presence of potential contaminant source, make the Village of Arlington's water supply of intermediate susceptibility to an impact by a potential significant contaminant source. The Village has placed a priority on protecting its source of drinking water through education of the public and by source control strategies that will help to minimize the risk of contamination to the aquifer.

What are sources of contamination to drinking water?

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 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: **(A)** Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; **(B)** Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; **(C)** Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; **(D)** 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems; **(E)** 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, USEPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these 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 (1-800-426-4791)**.

Who needs to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-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 infection. 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 (1-800-426-4791)**.

About your drinking water.

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The Village of Arlington conducted sampling for bacteria, inorganic, radiological, synthetic organic (pesticides and herbicides), volatile organic contaminant sampling during **2008**. The Ohio EPA requires us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, may be more than one year old.

Listed below is information on those contaminants that were found in the Village of Arlington's drinking water. We are proud to report that the Village of Arlington has complied with all federal and state standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act during the year 2008.

Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
Inorganic Contaminants							
Fluoride, Total (ppm)	4.0	4.0	1.59		No	2006	Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	< 5.0	NA	No	2006	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.074*	NA	No	2006	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
TTHM (ppb) [Total Trihalomethane]	NA	80	< 2.0	28 - 120	NO	2006	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Residual Disinfectants							
Total Chlorine mg/l	MRDL= 4	MRDLG= 4	.66	0.1 – 2.1	NO	2007	By-product of drinking water chlorination

* Compliance is determined using the 90th percentile. No samples collected were above the AL for copper.

Definitions of some terms contained within this report.

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.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest residual disinfectant level allowed.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of residual disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/l): are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (ug/l): are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years.

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.

The "<" symbol: A symbol which means less than. A result of <5 means that the lowest level that could be detected was 5 and that contaminant in that sample was not detected.

How do I participate in decisions concerning my drinking water?

Public participations and comments are encouraged at regular meetings of the Board of Public Affairs, which meets on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building at 204 North Main Street in Arlington.

For more information: contact Rick Monday plant superintendent 419-365-5616, **Paul Beidelschies 419-365-5922, Michael Best 419-365-7139 , and Richard Karrick 419-365-5918, 2009 Board Members.**

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