

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report



If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. 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 system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA and 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 at (800) 426-4791.

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Jamestown Utilities 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 <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

- Reduce the amount of fertilizers, pesticides, or other hazardous chemicals that you use. Buy only what you need so that you don't have to dispose of leftovers. Read all the labels and follow directions.
- Use organic lawn and garden alternatives that do not contain synthetic chemical poisons. Reduce the use of products that contain any of the following words on their labels: caution, warning, danger, poison, flammable, volatile, caustic, or corrosive.
- Recycle used oil, automotive fluids, batteries, and other products. Don't dispose of hazardous products in toilets, storm drains, wastewater systems, creeks, alleys, or the ground. This pollutes the water supply.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water contact us at (765) 676-6331. If you want to learn more, you are welcome to please contact Bobby Taylor Jr. or attend any of our regularly scheduled Board meetings that are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

We ask that our customers help us to protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

HOUSEHOLD TIPS FOR PROTECTING OUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

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Jamestown Utilities is pleased to present this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to keep you informed about the quality of your drinking water over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you, the customer, with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are pleased to report that our water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION

The source of Jamestown's drinking water is groundwater produced from three wells. To help protect our water supply wells from potential contamination, Jamestown Utilities is currently implementing a Wellhead Protection Plan. The Wellhead Protection Plan focuses on public awareness and education and spill prevention and reporting. Emergency responders have been trained in spill response procedures.

Educational information has been mailed to land-owners and businesses in and around the Wellhead Protection Areas. The Wellhead Protection Plan and other educational materials are available to the public at the Jamestown Utility Office.

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- For more information on Wellhead Protection, contact Bobby Taylor Jr. at (765)676-6331.
- To learn more about groundwater protection and other drinking water resources, contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (317) 308-3388 or visit their website at www.in.gov/dem

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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! **811**

Underground utilities may be dangerous if encountered while digging. Before digging holes on your property, for things such as putting in a new mailbox or planting trees and shrubs, call 811. You must call at least two full working days before you dig to locate underground utilities.

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TABLE NOTES

- (1) - Levels reported for copper and lead represent the 90th percentile value as calculated from a total of 10 samples.

AVERAGE WATER QUALITY DATA FOR 2019

Jamestown Utilities routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to all Federal and State laws. The following table provides the results for only those constituents that were detected as part of our 2019 monitoring.

NAME OF SUBSTANCE	Violation Yes/No	Maximum Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Substance in Drinking Water
Radioactive Constituents						
Uranium	No	.9	Ug/l	0	30	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha	No	6.11	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits.
Inorganic Constituents						
Copper	No	0.127 ⁽¹⁾	PPM	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	No	4.3 ⁽¹⁾	PPB	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing, erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	No	0.302	PPM	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	No	2	PPB	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills, Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	No	0.206	PPM	4	4	Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors						
Total Trihalomethanes	No	1	PPB	0	80	Product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine	No	2	PPB	0	60	Product of drinking water disinfection
Volatile Organic Contaminant						
Xylenes	No	.0009	PPM	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories.

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

- 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.
- 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 (800) 426-4791.
- 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, stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
 - Organic chemicals, 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 materials, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
 - While your drinking water meets EPA standards for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPSS standard balances the current understanding of arsenics' possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans, at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory prob-

DEFINITIONS

Not Applicable (N/A) – no MCLG or MCL has been established for these unregulated constituents.

Below the Detection Limit (BDL) - constituent not detected in the sample.

Parts Per Million (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts Per Billion (ppb) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) 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.

Violation Type	Violation Began	Violation End	Violation Explanation
Follow up or routine tap M/R	10/01/2018	9/13/2019	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this we cannot be sure of the quality of water for that period.