



# Water Quality Report

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Dear Grand Blanc Township Resident:

We are proud to send you a copy of the **2007 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)** for the Grand Blanc Township Water Supply System. You can be confident that the water you use and drink surpasses all Federal, State and Local requirements for public consumption. Grand Blanc Township has always met safe drinking water regulations and did not exceed any maximum contaminant levels during this period.

Our current Water System Plan provides for the necessary infrastructure to provide the Township residents with a reliable and safe water supply system. Although many of the key projects including the Baldwin Water Tower and the upgraded Embury Road Booster Station were completed last year, the Township continues to upgrade the overall system to provide you water that you can rely on.

Please review this report and feel confident that Grand Blanc Township is providing you with safe, reliable water supply.

Should you have any questions about your public water, please contact our offices at 810-424-2600 and ask for any of the individuals listed below or visit our web site at [www.twp.grand-blanc.mi.us](http://www.twp.grand-blanc.mi.us) .

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### **Important Health Information - Lead**

Since 1992, with the cooperation of many residents, Grand Blanc Township has been testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. 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. Grand Blanc Township 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 local 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>.

### **People with Special Health Concerns**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer who are 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 (Communicable Disease Center) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### **Cryptosporidium**

*Cryptosporidium* is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals, including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, headaches, nausea, and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person and by consuming contaminated food or water. *Cryptosporidium* can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge. The water supplied to Grand Blanc Township has been tested for *Cryptosporidium* since 1994 and has never been detected in any water supply samples.

### **Opportunities for Public Participation**

We encourage public interest and participation in our community's decisions affecting drinking water. Regular Board Meetings occur on the second Thursday of every month, at 5371 South Saginaw Street, Grand Blanc, Michigan at 7:30 P.M. The public is welcome.

### **National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance**

We'll be happy to answer any questions about Grand Blanc Township Services and our water quality. Please call any of the individuals previously noted in this publication. You may also visit our website: [www.twp.grand-blanc.mi.us](http://www.twp.grand-blanc.mi.us).

### **Lake Huron Plant Source Water Assessment**

Your source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. The Michigan Department of Environment Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from moderately low to very high based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report, please contact your water department at 810-424-2600.

## Water Source

Grand Blanc Township is supplied water from GCDC-WWS, who is supplied water through the City of Flint by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which draws its water from Lake Huron.

## Additional Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water.

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).

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:

- (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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or 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. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.)

## How Do I Read This Chart?

It's easy! Our water is tested to assure that it is safe and healthy. These tables are based on tests conducted by Grand Blanc Township, GCDC-WWS and the City of Detroit within the last five (5) calendar years. We conduct many tests throughout the year, however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown here. The table on this page is a key to the terms used in the following tables. The column marked Highest Detected Level shows the highest test results during the year. Sources of Contaminant show where this substance usually originates.

Key to Detected Contaminants Tables		
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
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.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	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 contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
n/a	Not applicable	
>	Greater Than	

## Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant • 2007 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	8/8/2007	ppm	4	4	1.23	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	8/8/2007	ppm	10	10	0.28	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	80	17.4	9.3-40.3	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2007	ppb	n/a	60	11.0	2.6-15.2	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant (Total Chlorine residual)	Jan-Dec 2007	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.70	0.56-0.83	No	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>2007 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
<b>Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU</b>		<b>Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)</b>				<b>Violation yes/no</b>	<b>Major Sources in Drinking Water</b>	
0.11 NTU		100%				No	Soil Runoff	
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation yes/no	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

### 2007 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.81	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Treatment Techniques							
Regulated Contaminants	MCL	Treatment Technique (TT) Standard	Treatment Technique (TT) Violation yes/no	Reason for violation	Action Taken	Major Sources in Drinking Water	Health Effects
Lead	TT	No more than (9) days in a six (6) month period below the established minimum.	Yes	During a 14-day period in January and February, phosphate pump malfunctions resulted in below optimal dosages. Phosphate was added to the water, but at a dosage below the state designated minimum. Despite this lower than acceptable dosage, phosphate residual concentrations in water leaving the plant and entering the distribution system were maintained above the established minimum.	The chemical feed pumps have all been repaired.	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.	Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could have slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.
Copper	TT	No more than (9) days in a six (6) month period below the established minimum.	Yes	During a 14-day period in January and February, phosphate pump malfunctions resulted in below optimal dosages. Phosphate was added to the water, but at a dosage below the state designated minimum. Despite this lower than acceptable dosage, phosphate residual concentrations in water leaving the plant and entering the distribution system were maintained above the established minimum.	The chemical feed pumps have all been repaired.	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.	Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor.

**Grand Blanc Township Monitoring**

**2007 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	<b>in one month - 0</b>	No	Naturally present in the environment.
<i>E.coli</i> or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E.coli</i> positive.	<b>entire year - 0</b>	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

**Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customer's Tap**

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2007	ppb	0	0.015	.004	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2007	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.26	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

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**Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System**

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Jan-June 2007	ppb	n/a	80	15.6	6.5-11.0	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Jan-June 2007	ppb	n/a	60	12.9	8.0-10.0	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant (Total Chlorine residual)	Jan-Dec 2007	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	1.03	0.43-1.47	No	Water additive used to control microbes

