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Water Quality Report



Dear Grand Blanc Township Residents:

I am pleased to present to you our annual water quality report covering 2018. Last year brought us an exciting change as the Genesee County Drain Commissioner began providing us with high quality water utilizing the new KWA pipeline and a new, state of the art micro filtration plant.

This year's water quality report highlights the performance of the GCDC, and Grand Blanc Township in delivering a high quality product for our residents to enjoy. Together, we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water.

Please review this report and feel confident that Grand Blanc Township has the utmost concern for your health and safety and delivers to you a safe, clean and pleasant drinking water supply.

Should you have any questions about your drinking water, please contact our offices at (810) 424-2600 or visit our web site at: www.twp.grand-blanc.mi.us or <http://www.gbtgov.com>.

Best Regards,

Jeffrey Sears – Director of Public Works
Gregory Boggs – Assistant Director of Public Works
Scott Bennett – Township Supervisor

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 7:00 P.M. The public is welcome.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

We'll be happy to answer any questions about Grand Blanc Township and our water quality by calling (810) 424-2600. You may also visit our website <http://www.gbtgov.com>.

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Water Source

Grand Blanc Township is supplied water from the Genesee County Drain Commissioner – Division of Water and Waste Services (GCDC-WWS) Water Treatment Plant. The water source is Lake Huron.

Additional Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food & Drug Administration (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 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 for 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 waters 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 including agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential use.
- 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
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 and GCDC-WWS 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		
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.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	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.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	Not Applicable	Does not apply.
ND	Not Detected	Zero or result is below the laboratory detection level.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity.
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ug/L	Micrograms per liter	A microgram = 1/1000 milligrams. 1 microgram per liter is equal to 1 part per billion (ppb).
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples taken during the previous twelve months.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
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2018 Regulated Detected Contaminant Tables

Inorganic Chemicals - Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	2018 Quarterly	ppm	4	4	0.79	0.53 - 0.79	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System - GBT								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2018	ppb	n/a	80	42.1	24.8 - 72.3	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acid (HAA5)	2018	ppb	n/a	60	18	10-29	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Disinfection Residuals - Monitoring in Distribution System - GBT								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2018	ppm	4	4	0.85	0.27 - 1.33	no	Water additive used to control microbials

2018 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.7 NTU	95%	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.			

2018 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customer Tap - GBT								
Regulated Contaminant	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Range	Number Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead (Jan-June)	ppb	0	15	0	0-42	2	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (July-Dec)	ppb	0	15	1	0-6	0	no	See above.
Copper (Jan-June)	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.1	0-0.55	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (July-Dec)	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.08	0-0.16	0	no	See above.
*The 90th percentile value is the concentration of lead or copper in tap water exceeded by 10 percent of the sites samples during a monitoring period. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL, additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique						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 requirement. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no TOC removal requirements.						Erosion of natural deposits.

Radionuclides 2018							
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level	Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium 226 and 228	2018 Quarterly	pCi/L	0	5	ND to 1.68 ±0.68	no	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	2018 Quarterly	pCi/L	0	15	0.07± 1.41 2.2± 1.2	no	Erosion of natural deposits

2014 Special Monitoring - UCMR3 - Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant	Test Date	Result	Reference Concentration	Units	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Chromium (total)	Feb.-Aug. 2014	0.256	100	ug/L	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from industrial activities.
Chromium-6	Feb.-Aug. 2014	0.111	N/A	ug/L	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from industrial activities.
Strontium	Feb.-Aug. 2014	102.083	1500	ug/L	Soil runoff; runoff from fertilizer.
Vanadium	Feb.-Aug. 2014	0.236	21	ug/L	Naturally present in the environment.
Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminants monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. Before EPA regulates a contaminant, it considers adverse health effects, the occurrence of the contaminant in drinking water, and whether the regulation would reduce health risk. GBT began monitoring for unregulated contaminants in 2013. The following tables list the unregulated substances detected during the 2014 calendar year.					

Unregulated Parameters	Unit	Average	Range Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	ppm	7	5-9	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	ppb	0.36	ND to 0.47	Erosion of natural deposits

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. 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 show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. 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 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>.

Lead Message

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GCWW delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures and, in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. Grand Blanc Township performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses, and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than 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 for 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 that contains animal waste and sewage discharge. The water supplied to the Genesee County Drain Commissioner Division of Water & Waste Services (GCDC-WWS) has been tested for Cryptosporidium. This testing has been ongoing since 1994. Cryptosporidium has never been detected in any of the samples tested.

The (GCDC-WWS) water treatment plant went on line in December of 2017. GCDC-WWS is required to conduct monthly source water monitoring for Cryptosporidium, Giardia, and E. Coli for the initial 24-months of operation. The purpose of the testing is to verify the quality of our source water. Based upon the test results, the quality of our source water places us into the best category of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The purpose of the rule is to reduce illness linked with disease causing microorganisms in drinking water. It is important to note, however, Cryptosporidium, Giardia, and Microbial pathogens can be spread through means other than drinking water.

2018 Compliance Notice

In March 2018 GCDC-WWS was notified of a treatment technique violation. A violation notice letter was published and mailed in 2018. There was no public health concern because of this. While we were unable to always maintain the directed dosage of 2.1 mg/l, we were able to consistently feed orthophosphate into the system. Since then we have changed the phosphate chemical to a more readily available product that has ensured maintaining the directed level. The water system has successfully maintained orthophosphate and pH within state designate ranges, and is in compliance.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.