

# **2017 Consumer Confidence Report Data PORT WASHINGTON WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 24600543**

## **Water System Information**

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact David Kleckner at (262) 284-2172.

## **Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality**

The Board of Public Works Water Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall.

## **Health Information**

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).

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 systems 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 infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

## **Source(s) of Water**

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Waterbody Name	Status
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1	Surface Water		Lake Michigan	Active
2	Surface Water		Lake Michigan	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, David Kleckner at (262) 284-2172.

## Educational Information

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:

- 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 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.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

## Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our

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	water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
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.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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.
MFL	million fibers per liter
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.
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.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

## **Detected Contaminants**

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

## **Disinfection Byproducts**

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	D-1	60	60	14	7 - 9		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-1	80	0	25.3	15.5 - 24.5		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	D-13	60	60	14	9 - 10		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	D-13	80	0	26.8	18.8 - 27.1		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

### Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb)		10	n/a	1	1		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.020	0.020		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM (ppb)		100	100	1	1		No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.6	0.6		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
								fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		0.5000	0.5000		No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	0.36	0.36		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SELENIUM (ppb)		50	50	1	1		No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	8.30	8.30		No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.1400	0 of 30 results were above the action level.	7/24/2015	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	7.90	0 of 30 results	7/30/2015	No	Corrosion of household

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				were above the action level.			plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

### Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRAZINE (ppb)		3	3	0.0	0.0		No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

### Unregulated Contaminants

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. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)
SULFATE (ppm)	22.00	22.00	
METOLACHLOR (DUAL) (ppb)	0.01	0.01	
BUTACHLOR (MACHETE) (ppb)	0.01	0.01	
CHROMIUM-6 (ppb)	0.2	.18-.22	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
CHROMIUM total (ppb)	.27	.2-.3	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
MOLYBDENUM (ppb)	1.1	1.1	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
STRONTIUM (ppb)	119	110-130	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
VANADIUM (ppb)	.31	.3-.4	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
CHLORATE (ppb)	<20	<20	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
1,1-DICHLOROETHANE (ppb)	<.03	<.03	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015

Contaminant (units)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)
1,2,3-TRICHLOROPROPANE (ppb)	<.03	<.03	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
1,3 BUTADIENE (ppm)	<.1	<.1	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
BROMOCHLOROMETHANE (ppb)	<.06	<.06	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
BROMOMETHANE (ppb)	<.2	<.2	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
CHLORODIFLUOROMETHANE (ppb)	<.08	<.08	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
CHLOROMETHANE (ppb)	<.2	<.2	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
1,4-DIOXANE (ppb)	<.07	<.07	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
PFBS (ppb)	<.09	<.09	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
PFHpA (ppb)	<.01	<.01	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
PFHxS (ppb)	<.03	<.03	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
PFNA (ppb)	<.02	<.02	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
PFOA (ppb)	<.02	<.02	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015
PFOS (ppb)	<.04	<.04	10/15/2014 – 7/6/2015

### Volatile Organic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2017)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
P-DICHLOROBENZENE (ppb)		75	75	0.2	0.2		No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories

### Additional Health Information

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. Port Washington Waterworks 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 [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

## Other Compliance

### Monitoring and Reporting Violations

Description	Contaminant Group	Sample Location	Compliance Period Beginning	Compliance Period Ending
DBP Monitoring/Reporting	DBP	Distribution System	4/6/2017	4/16/2017

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the compliance period noted in the above table, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for the contaminant(s) noted, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

### Actions Taken

During the second quarter of 2017 the Port Washington Water Utility did not collect Disinfection Byproduct samples between the required dates of April 6 and April 16. We could not ensure the water quality for DBP at that time (April 6 to 16, 2017). However, DBP samples were collected on April 24 and all samples were in compliance with DBP drinking water standards. We do not believe our water quality changed between April 6 and April 24, 2017.

### Turbidity Monitoring

In accordance with s. NR 810.29, Wisconsin Administrative Code, the treated surface water is monitored for turbidity to confirm that the filtered water is less than 0.3NTU. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor for it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. During the year, the highest single entry point turbidity measurement was 0.08 NTU. The lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits was 100 percent.

### Cryptosporidium

In compliance with the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Rule (LT2), the Port Washington Water Utility has been sampling monthly for cryptosporidium. Sampling began in October, 2016 and will continue through September 2018. As of March 1, 2018, there have been 0(zero) oocysts detected.



