

2023 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

PWSID #: 5040044 - Ohioville Borough Municipal Authority

*Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua de beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.
(This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Translate it or speak with someone who understands it.)*

WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION:

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Authority at (724) 643-0312. We want you to be informed about your water supply. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Ohioville Borough Annex Building located at 6268 Tuscarawas Road.

SOURCE OF WATER:

Our source of water is the Brighton Township Municipal Authority, who in turn obtains treated groundwater water from the Vanport Township Municipal Authority. A source water assessment was completed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in 2002. The assessment has found that the source is most susceptible to contamination from transportation corridors and industrial development within the watershed. Overall, the source has a high risk of significant contamination. Summary reports can be obtained online at www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/wc/Subjects/SrceProt/SourceAssessment/default.htm, or by contacting VTWA at 724-774-2091. Copies of the complete report are available for review at the DEP Pittsburgh Regional office by contacting the Records Management Unit at 412-442-4000. We routinely add chlorine to our distribution system to maintain proper disinfection levels. We also have emergency interconnections with Industry Borough. We have a source water protection plan available to view at our office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination. The following tables will specify which source detected the contaminants.

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 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 Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

MONITORING YOUR WATER:

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The following tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023. The State allows us to monitor some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The date has been noted on the sampling results table.

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS:

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 (MCL) - 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.

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 Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - 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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - 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.

Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level (MinRDL) - The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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 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 and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

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 (µg/L)

DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS

Chemical Contaminant	MCL in CCR units	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Barium (Vanport)	2	2	0.111	N/A	ppm	2/8/23	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (Vanport)	2	2	0.13	N/A	ppm	2/8/23	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (Vanport)	10	10	1.89	1.02-1.89	ppm	8/1/23	N	Runoff from fertilizer use Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Nickel (Vanport)	N/A	N/A	0.821	N/A	ppb	2/8/23	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine Distribution (Ohioville)	MRDL= 4	MRDLG =4	1.34 (January 2022)	0.77-1.34	ppm	2023	N	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] (Ohioville)	80	N/A	54.50	48.60-54.50	ppb	2023	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] (Ohioville)	60	N/A	11.40	10.90-11.40	ppb	2023	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Entry Point Disinfectant Residual

Contaminant	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Lowest Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine (Vanport) 2023	0.68	0.68	0.68-1.62	ppm	12/25/23	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

Contaminant	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	90 th Percentile Value	Units	# of Sites Above AL of Total Sites	Sample Date	Violation of TT (Y/N)	Sources of Contamination
Lead (Ohioville)	15	0	2.85	ppb	0 out of 10	2022	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (Ohioville)	1.3	1.3	0.257	ppm	0 out of 10	2022	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

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. Ohioville Borough Municipal Authority 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>.

Violations: We monitored for Distribution Chlorine in the month of May of 2023, but failed to report the results to the PA Department of Environmental Protection by the required due dates, resulting in reporting violations. In July of 2023 we monitored for Distribution Chlorine but had reporting errors by our laboratory that have since been corrected. We were also late in submitting our 2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report to the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

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, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, 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, 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 and DEP prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA and DEP 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).