

## 2022 Consumer Confidence Report

### Groveton Water System

PWS# 1781010

#### Introduction

As a responsible public water system (PWS), our mission is to deliver the best-quality drinking water and reliable service at the lowest, appropriate cost.)

Aging infrastructure presents challenges for maintaining safe quality drinking water and continuous improvements are necessary. In the past year, We have abandoned the old AC pipe on Rte 3, from the Swimming pool to the Funeral home. In the coming year we intend to look into getting more grants, and federal funds to continue in the process of finishing our "Hill" project.

These investments along with on-going operation and maintenance costs are supported by user rates, and fees. When considering the high value placed on quality drinking water, it is truly a bargain to have water service that protects public health, fights fires, supports businesses and the economy, and ensures high-quality drinking water is always available at your tap.

#### What is a Consumer Confidence Report?

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) details the quality of your drinking water, where it comes from, and how to get more information. This annual report documents all detected primary and secondary drinking water contaminants and their respective standards known as Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

NOW IT COMES WITH A LIST OF INGREDIENTS.



**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 storm water 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 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water 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 prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

**What is the source of my drinking water?**

Our Municipal water supply draws groundwater from two gravel-packed wells that are located in close proximity to one another on Mayhew lane, which is about ½-mile from the northern entrance of Brown Road in Groveton Village. This last year we accomplished an historical moment. These wells were cleaned and re-developed for the first time since 1994, bringing back our historical pumping rates of 280 gpm, and 500 gpm.

#### Why are contaminants in my 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 at 1-800-426-4791.

#### Do I need to take special precautions?

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 at 1-800-426-4791.

#### Source Water Assessment Summary

NHDES prepared drinking water source assessment reports for all public water systems between 2000 and 2003 in an effort to assess the vulnerability of each of the state's public water supply sources. Included in the report is a map of each source water protection area, a list of potential and known contamination sources, and a summary of available protection options. The results of the assessment, prepared on July 17, 2001 are noted below.



Grovelton GPW 002, 3 susceptibility factors were rated high, 2 were rated medium, and 7 were rated low. GPW 003, 1 susceptibility factor was rated high, 3 were rated medium, and 8 were rated low.

Note: This information is over 21 years old and includes information that was current at the time the report was completed. Therefore, some of the ratings might be different if updated to reflect current information. At the present time DES has no plans to update this data.

The complete Assessment Report is available for review at the Town Office. For more information, call Becky Craggy@ 1-603-636-7395 or visit the [NHDES website](#).

#### How can I get involved?

For more information about your drinking water, the Water Superintendent can be contacted through, Tammy Letson, town Administrator@ 1-(603)636-7399. Selectmen's meetings are held every first and third Monday at 6:00 pm, at 10 Station Square Meeting Room.

Violations and other Information: See violation list in table.

#### Definitions :

**Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard or AGQS:** The maximum concentration levels for contaminants in groundwater that are established under RSA 485-C, the Groundwater Protection Act.

**Action level or AL:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Level I Assessment:** 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 II Assessment:** 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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or 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 or 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 or 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 or 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.

**Treatment Technique or TT:** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

#### Abbreviations

BDL: Below Detection Limit  
mg/L: milligrams per liter  
NA: Not Applicable  
ND: Not Detectable at testing limits  
NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit  
pCi/L: picoCurie per liter  
ppb: parts per billion  
ppm: parts per million  
RAA: Running Annual Average  
TTHM: Total Trihalomethanes  
UCMR: Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule  
ug/L: micrograms per liter

*The following statement must be included.*

#### Drinking Water Contaminants:

**Lead:** 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. This water system is responsible for high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in your plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing cold water from your tap for at least 30 seconds before using water for drinking or cooking. Do not use hot water for drinking and 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 at 1-800-426-4791 or at [US EPA Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water](#)



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System Name: Groveton Water System, PWS# 1781010

## 2022 Report (2021 data)

Bulk Water Source	Date of Water Delivery	Gallons Delivered	Reason for Delivery

If a drinking water public notice, MCL, Monitoring/Reporting, or treatment technique violation has occurred, the following table should be used to explain the violation and health effects.

VIOLATIONS	Date of violation	Explanation of violation	Length of violation	Action taken to resolve	Health Effects (Inv. Dwg 804.810)
Public notice					N/A
Monitoring and Reporting (M/R)					N/A
MCL					<i>Insert water effect language for contamination from Inv. Dwg 804.810</i>
E. coli/MCL		Insert required language from Inv. Dwg 811.7(h)			<i>E. coli</i> are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal waste. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. We violated the standard for <i>E. coli</i> , indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct a detailed assessment to identify problems and to correct any problems or deficiencies. Contaminated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.
T/T (treatment technique)					
Filtration/distribution processes					inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

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Level I						During the past year we failed to conduct all of the required assessment(s).
Level II						During the past year we failed to conduct all of the required assessment(s).
Required because <i>E. coli</i> was found in our water system	Level III					<i>E. coli</i> are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal waste. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. We found <i>E. coli</i> bacteria, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct and problems that were found during these assessments.

Significant deficiency description and date of sentinel survey	Source of <i>E. coli</i>	Date deficiency was addressed or corrected	Approved plan and timeframe for correction	Health Effects (FWS Div 811.21)
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\*The value must be reported as whole number, see Env-Dw 8.1. Appendix B for conversions

Contaminant (Units)	Action Level	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile sample value *	Date	# of sites above AL	Violations Yes/No	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.041	7/7/2012	None	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, 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 from liver and kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.
Lead (ppb)	15	0.002	8/13/12	None	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits	It's hard to move more than 50,000 infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your

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The Revised Total Coliform Rule requires an assessment or an investigation of the water system when certain conditions occur

During the past year we were required to conduct assessments)	Number of assessments required in the reporting year	Number of assessments completed in the reporting year	Number of corrective actions required	Number of corrective actions completed  <i>If you completed all corrective actions, please indicate "Yes" and enter the number in this table</i>
Level I				<p>California is a bacteria that is naturally present in the environment, and is as used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessments to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.</p>
Level II				<p><b>During the past year we failed to correct all identified defects that were found during the assessment.</b></p> <p><b>During the past year we failed to correct all identified defects that were found during the assessment.</b></p>
Level II				<p><b>E. coli</b> are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal waste. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. We found <b>E. coli</b> bacteria, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessments to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.</p>
We were required to complete a level II assessment because we found <b>E. coli</b> in our water system.				<p><b>We have failed to correct all sanitary defects that were identified during the assessment that was conducted.</b></p>

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During the past year, we were required to conduct assessment(s)	Number of findings required in the reporting year	Number of findings completed in the reporting year	Number of corrective actions required	Number of corrective actions completed	Comments are required to indicate progress, the number of findings that were not completed, the reasons for not completing them, and, if applicable, the corrective actions that are being taken. If the findings are generally harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution.
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									tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-276-4791).
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\* If applicable report average and range and date sampled if prior to the reporting year. Level detected must be reported as whole number, see Env-Dw 8.1, Appendix B for conversion.

Microbiological Contaminants						
Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected*	Date	MCL	MG/G	Violation YES/NO	Health Effects of Contaminant
<u>E. coli</u> Bacteria	Turbidity, Total coliforms, fecal coliforms		0	0		<u>E. coli</u> are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated. Bacteria in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)				N/A		Total organic carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, total organic carbon provides a medium for the formation of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.
Turbidity (NTU)	Indicates the highest average turbidity, the highest turbidity value, and the average turbidity value measured for turbidity.		TT	N/A		Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

**Radioactive Contaminants**

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Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected*	Date	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
Compliance Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	0.8	7/1/21	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits	Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Uranium (ug/L)	1.5	7/1/21	30	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits	Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer and kidney toxicity.
Combined Radium 226 + 228 (pCi/L)	0.1	2015	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits	Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected*	Date	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
Antimony (ppb)			6	6		Discharge from refineries, fire retardants, ceramics, electronics; solder	Some people who drink water containing antimony well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience increases in blood cholesterol and decreases in blood sugar.
Arsenic (ppb)			10 (prior to July 1, 2021)	0		Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes	(5 ppb through 10 ppb) While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's 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 problems. (Above 10 ppb) Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Arsenic (ppb)			5 (after July 1, 2021)	0		Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes	(2.5 ppb through 5 ppb) While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's 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 problems. (Above 5 ppb) Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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Chloride (ppm)			1	8		By-product of drinking water chlorination	women who drink water containing chlorine dioxide in excess of the MRDL. Some people may experience anemia.
Chromium (ppb)			100	100		Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits	Some infants and young children who drink water containing chloride in excess of the MCL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women who drink water containing chloride in excess of the MCL. Some people may experience anemia.
Cyanide (ppb)			200	200		Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories	Some people who drink water containing chromium well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience allergic dermatitis.
Fluoride (ppm)	<0.1	7/7/20	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong drink; discharge from refineries and aluminum factories	Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than five years old. Mottling also may occur in adults. Fluoride in drinking water may also cause erosion of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.
Mercury (as Mercury) (ppb)			2	2		Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and fertilizer factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland	Some people who drink water containing inorganic mercury well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience kidney damage.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	1.4	7/1/21	10	10		Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from cropland; sewage, erosion of natural deposits	(5 ppm through 10ppm) Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrates in drinking water cause blue baby syndrome because of infant or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider. (Above 10 ppm) Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.
Nitrite (as Nitrogen) (ppm)			1	1		Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from cropland	Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrite in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill, and if

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Asbestos (NFL)			7	7		Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits	or problems with their circulatory system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing asbestos in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of developing benign intestinal polyps.
Barium (ppm)	0.121	2017	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.
Beryllium (ppb)			4	4		Discharge from refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries	Some people who drink water containing beryllium well in excess of the MCL over many years could develop intestinal lesions.
Bromate (ppb)			10	0		By-product of drinking water disinfection	Some people who drink water containing bromate in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Cadmium (ppb)			5	5		Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste	Some people who drink water containing cadmium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience kidney damage.
Chloramines (ppm)			MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4		Water additive used to control microbes	Some people who use water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chloramines well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort or anemia.
Chlorine (ppm)			MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4		Water additive used to control microbes	Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.
Chlorine dioxide (ppb)			MRDL = 0.0	MRDLG=0		Water additive used to control microbes	Some infants and young children who drink water containing chlorine dioxide in excess of the MRDL could experience nervous system effects. Similar effects may occur in fetuses of pregnant women.

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Selenium (ppb)			50	50		septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits	untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.
Thallium (ppb)			2	0.5		Discharge from petroleum and natural gas refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines	Selenium is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water containing selenium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair loss or fingernail losses, numbness in fingers or toes, or problems with their circulation.
						Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass and drug factories	Some people who drink water containing thallium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair loss, changes in their blood, or problems with their kidneys, intestines, or liver.
<b>Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides</b>							
Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected*	Date	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
2,4-D (ppb)			70	70		Runoff from herbicides used on row crops	Some people who drink water containing the weed killer 2,4-D well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys, liver, or adrenal glands.
Acrylamide (ppm)			11	0		Added in water during sewage/wastewater treatment	Some people who drink water containing high levels of acrylamide over a long period of time could have problems with their nervous system or blood and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Alachlor (ppb)			2	0		Runoff from herbicide used on row crops	Some people who drink water containing alachlor in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their eyes, liver, kidneys, or spleen, or experience anemia, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Atrazine (ppb)			3	3		Runoff from herbicides used on row crops	Some people who drink water containing atrazine well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their cardiovascular system or reproductive difficulties.
Benz(a)pyrene (ppb)			200	0		Leaching from storage tanks and distribution lines	Some people who drink water containing benz(a)pyrene in excess of the MCL over many years may experience reproductive difficulties and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Carbofuran (ppb)			40	40		Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa	Some people who drink water containing carbofuran in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their blood, or nervous or productive systems.
Chlordane (ppb)			2	0		Residue of banned termiticide	Some people who drink water containing chlordane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or nervous system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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Dalapon (ppb)		200	200		Runoff from herbicide used on lights of way	Some people who drink water containing dalapon well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience minor kidney changes.
Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate (ppb)		400	400		Discharge from chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience toxic reproductive difficulties, liver and kidney, or possible
Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (ppb)		6	0		Discharge from rubber and chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate well in excess of the MCL over many years may have problems with their liver, or experience reproductive difficulties, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Dibromo-chloropropane (DBCP) (ppb)		200	0		Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and orchards.	Some people who drink water containing DBCP in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Dimonab (ppb)		7	7		Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables	Some people who drink water containing dimonab well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties.
Diquat (ppb)		20	20		herbicide use	Some people who drink water containing diquat in excess of the MCL over many years could get cataracts.
Dioxin 2,3,7,8-TCDD (ppb)		30	0		Emissions from waste incineration and other combustion, especially from chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing dioxin in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Endosulfal (ppb)		100	100		Runoff from herbicide use	Some people who drink water containing endosulfal in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their stomach or intestines.
Endrin (ppb)		2	2		Residue of banned insecticide	Some people who drink water containing endrin in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver problems.
Endosulphidrin (ppm)		11	0		Discharge from industrial chemical factories, an impurity of some water treatment chemicals	Some people who drink water containing high levels of endosulphidrin over a long period of time could experience stomach problems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Ethylene dibromide (EDB) (ppb)		50	0		Discharge from petroleum refineries	Some people who drink water containing ethylene dibromide in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, stomach, reproductive system, or kidneys, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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Silver (2,4,5-TP) (ppb)		50	50		Residue of banned herbicide	Some people who drink water containing silver in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver problems.
Sinigraine (ppb)		4	4		Herbicide runoff	Some people who drink water containing sinigraine in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their blood.
Toxaphene (ppb)		3	0		Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle	Some people who drink water containing toxaphene in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, or thyroid, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### Volatile Organic Contaminants

Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected*	Date	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
Benzene (ppb)			5	0		Discharge from factories, leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills	Some people who drink water containing benzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience anemia or a decrease in blood platelets and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Carbon tetrachloride (ppb)			5	0		Discharge from oil refining and other industrial activities	Some people who drink water containing carbon tetrachloride in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Chloro- Benzene (Monochloro benzene) (ppb)			100	100		Discharge from chemical and agricultural factories	Some people who drink water containing chlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys.
o-Dichloro- benzene (ppb)			75	75		Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing o-dichlorobenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or circulatory systems.
p-Dichloro- benzene (ppb)						Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing p-dichlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience anemia, damage to their liver, kidneys, or spleen, or changes in their blood.
1,2-Dichloro- ethane (ppb)			5	0		Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing 1,2-dichloroethane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
1,1-Dichloro- ethylene (ppb)			7	7		Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing 1,1-dichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.
trans-1,2-dichloro- ethylene (ppb)			70	70		Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing trans-1,2-dichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

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Glyphosate (ppb)		700	700		Runoff from herbicide use	Some people who drink water containing glyphosate in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys or reproductive difficulties.
Heptachlor (ppb)		400	0		Residue of banned pesticide	Some people who drink water containing heptachlor in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver damage and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Heptachlor-epoxide (ppb)		200	0		Breakdown of heptachlor	Some people who drink water containing heptachlor epoxide in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver damage and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Heptachlorobenzene (ppb)		1	0		Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing heptachlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys, or adverse reproductive effects, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Heptachlorocyclopentadien <sup>e</sup> (ppb)		50	50		Discharge from chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing heptachlorocyclopentadiene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys or risk of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys or liver.
Lindane (ppb)		200	200		Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, lumber, gardens, vegetables, alfalfa, tomatoes	Some people who drink water containing lindane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties.
Methoxychlor (ppb)		40	40		Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, tomatoes	Some people who drink water containing methoxychlor in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties.
Oxaryl (Vydate) (ppb)		200	200		Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes, and tomatoes	Some people who drink water containing oxaryl in excess of the MCL over many years could experience slight nervous system effects.
Poly(chlorinated biphenyl) (PCBS) (ppb)		500	0		Runoff from landfills, discharge of waste chemicals	Some people who drink water containing PCBs in excess of the MCL over many years could experience changes in their skin, reproductive or nervous system difficulties, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Penta-chloronol (ppb)		1	0		Discharge from wood preserving factories	Some people who drink water containing penta-chloronol in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Picloram (ppb)		500	500		Herbicide runoff	Some people who drink water containing picloram in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

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Trans-1,2-Dichloro- ethylene (ppb)		100	100		Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing trans-1,2-dichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.
Dichloro-methane (ppb)		5	0		Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing dichloromethane in excess of the MCL over many years could have liver problems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
1,1-Dichloropropane (ppb)		5	0		Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing 1,1-dichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Ethylbenzene (ppb)		700	700		Discharge from petroleum factories	Some people who drink water containing ethylbenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys.
Halocetic Acids (HAA) (ppb)		60	NA		By-product of drinking water disinfection	Some people who drink water containing halacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) (ppb)		13	13		A gasoline additive	The New Hampshire Bureau of Health Risk Assessment considers MTBE a possible human carcinogen. Some people who drink water containing MTBE in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Styrene (ppb)		100	100		Discharge from oil refining and other industrial activities	Some people who drink water containing styrene well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, kidneys, or circulatory system.
Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)		5	0		Discharge from factories and dry cleaners	Some people who drink water containing tetrachloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (ppb)		70	70		Discharge from textile-finishing factories	Some people who drink water containing 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience changes in their adrenal glands.
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb)		200	200		Discharge from metal degreasing site and other factories	Some people who drink water containing 1,1,1-trichloroethane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, nervous system, or circulatory system.
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (ppb)		5	3		Discharge from industrial chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing 1,1,2-trichloroethane well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, kidneys, or immune system.
Trichloro-ethylene (ppb)		5	0		Discharge from metal degreasing site and other factories	Some people who drink water containing trichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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Total Trihalomethanes (THM)			80	N/A		By-product of drinking water chlorination	Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Bromodichloromethane							
Dibromochloromethane							
Chloroform (ppb)							
Toluene (ppm)			1	1		Discharge from petroleum factories	Some people who drink water containing toluene well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their nervous system, kidneys, or liver.
Vinyl Chloride (ppb)			2	0		Leaching from PVC piping, discharge from plastic factories	Some people who drink water containing vinyl chloride in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Xylenes (total contaminants listed below) (ppm)							
M,P-Xylenes			10	10		Discharge from petroleum factories, discharge from chemical factories	Some people who drink water containing xylenes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience damage to their nervous system.
O-Xylene (ppm)							

If applicable report average and range and date sampled if prior to the reporting year. Level detected must be reported as whole number, see Env. Div 811, Appendix B for conversions.

Contaminant (units)	Level Detected	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Likely Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)		18	0		Discharge from industrial processes, wastewater treatment, residuals from firefighting foam, runoff/leachate from landfills and septic systems	Some people who drink water containing perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, immune system, or may experience increased cholesterol levels. It may also lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant.
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)		11	0		Discharge from industrial processes, wastewater treatment, residuals from firefighting foam, runoff/leachate from landfills and septic systems	Some people who drink water containing perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system, or may experience increased cholesterol levels.
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)			35	0	Discharge from industrial processes, wastewater treatment, residuals from firefighting foam, runoff/leachate from landfills and septic systems	Some people who drink water containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, immune system, or may have an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer. It may also lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant.

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Cryptosporidium	Results and detection limits per the 2011 LR					
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Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFDOA) (ppt)		12	0		Discharge from industrial processes, wastewater treatment, residuals from firefighting foam, runoff/leachate from landfills and septic systems	Some people who drink water containing perfluorooctanoic acid (PFDOA) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system, may experience increased cholesterol levels, and may have an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer. It may also lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant.
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Secondary MCLs (SMCL)	Level Detected	Date	Treatment technique (if any)	At location level, SMCL or AGOS (ambient groundwater quality standard)	Specific contaminant criteria and reason for monitoring
Chloride (ppm)			N/A	250	Wastewater, road salt, water softeners, corrosion
Fluoride (ppm)			N/A	2	Add health effects language from Env. Div 806.11 or attach public notice to CCR
Iron (ppm)			N/A	0.3	Geological
Manganese (ppm)			N/A	0.05	Geological
Nickel (ppm)			N/A	N/A	Geological, electroplating, battery production, ceramics
PH (ppm)	9.5	7/7/20	N/A	6.5-8.5	Precipitation and geology
Sodium (ppm)			N/A	100-250	We are required to regularly sample for sodium
Sulfate (ppm)			N/A	250	Naturally occurring
Zinc (ppm)			N/A	5	Galvanized pipes

Additional Tests	Description of data requested	Date	Treatment technique (if any)	Results (with units)	Specific contaminant criteria and reason for monitoring
U/CNR detects	Average & range				Explain federal monitoring requirement.
AGOS detects	Results & approximate if water - see Env. Div 811.18		e.g. aeration		
Radon (pCi/L)					Radon is a radioactive gas that you can't see, taste or smell. It can move up through the ground and into a home through cracks and holes in the foundation. Radon can also get into floors or when released from tap water from showering. Breathing radon can lead to lung cancer. Drinking water containing radon may cause an increased risk of stomach cancer.

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# 2022 Consumer Confidence Report

## Lost Nation Water System

PWS# 1781030

### Introduction

As a responsible public water system (PWS), our mission is to deliver the best-quality drinking water and reliable service at the lowest, appropriate cost.) Aging infrastructure presents challenges for maintaining safe quality drinking water and continuous improvements are necessary. In the past year, We have tightened our water system up by repairing a few private laterals that were plastic. Less leaks, less cost. These investments along with on-going operation and maintenance costs are supported by user rates, and fees. When considering the high value placed on quality drinking water, it is truly a bargain to have water service that protects public health, fights fires, supports businesses and the economy, and ensures high-quality drinking water is always available at your tap.

### What is a Consumer Confidence Report?

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) details the quality of your drinking water, where it comes from, and how to get more information. This annual report documents all detected primary and secondary drinking water contaminants and their respective standards known as Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

### 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,

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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 storm water 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 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water 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 prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

### What is the source of my drinking water?

Our water comes from 2 bedrock wells located about 2 miles from the Groveton Entrance up Lost Nation Road. Our water systems are disinfected.

### Why are contaminants in my 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 at 1-800-426-4791.

### Do I need to take special precautions?

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 at 1-800-426-4791.

### Source Water Assessment Summary

NHDES prepared drinking water source assessment reports for all public water systems between 2000 and 2003 in an effort to assess the vulnerability of each of the state's public water supply sources. Included in the report is a map of each source water protection area, a list of potential and known contamination sources, and a summary of available protection options. The results of the assessment, prepared on July 17, 2001 are noted below.

Lost Nation 2 bedrock wells, 0 susceptibility factors were rated high, 1 was rated medium, and 11 were rated low.

Note: Due to the time when the assessments were completed, some of the ratings might be different if updated to reflect current information.

The complete Assessment Report is available for review at the Town Office. For more information, call Becky Craggy@ 1-603-636-7395 or visit the [NHDES website](#).



## How can I get involved?

*Selectmen's meeting's first Monday of every month.*

For more information about your drinking water, the Water Superintendent can be contacted through, Tammy Letson, Town Administrator Reginald Charron @ 1-603-684-8396. Although we do not have specific dates for public participation events, feel free to contact us with your questions @ 1(603)636-7399. Selectmen's meetings are held every first and third Monday at 6:00 pm, at 10 Station Square Meeting Room.

## Violations and Other Information:

### Definitions :

**Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard or AGQS:** The maximum concentration levels for contaminants in groundwater that are established under RSA 485-C, the Groundwater Protection Act.

**Action Level or AL:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Level I Assessment:** 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 II Assessment:** 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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or 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 or 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 or 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 or 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.

**Treatment Technique or TT:** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### Abbreviations

**BDL:** Below Detection Limit  
mg/L: milligrams per liter

NA: Not Applicable

ND: Not Detectable at testing limits

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

pCi/L: picoCurie per liter

ppb: parts per billion

ppm: parts per million

RAA: Running Annual Average

THM: Total Trihalomethanes

UCMR: Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

ug/L: micrograms per liter

*The following statement must be included.*

### Drinking Water Contaminants:

**Lead:** 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. This water system is responsible for high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in your plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing cold water from your tap for at least 30 seconds before using water for drinking or cooking. Do not use hot water for drinking and 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 at 1-800-426-4791 or at [US EPA Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water](#).



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If a drinking water public notice, MCL, Monitoring/Reporting, or treatment technique violation has occurred, the following table should be used to explain the violation and health effects:

VIOLATIONS				
VIOLATIONS	Date of violation	Exploitation violation	Length of action taken to resolve	Health Effects (Fw-Dw BQ4-B10)
Public notice				N/A
Monitoring and Reporting (M/R)				N/A
MCL				Insert health effects language for contaminant from Fw-Dw BQ4-B10
E. coli MCL		Insert required language from Fw-Dw B1.1.17(h)		E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal waste. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. The entity and people with severely compromised immune systems. We violated the standard for E. coli, indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct a detailed assessment to identify problems and to correct any problems that are found.
IT (treatment technique)				Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.

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Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOS) (ppb)	15	0	Discharge from industrial processes, wastewater treatment, residuals from firefighting foam, runoff/leachate from landfills and septic systems	Some people who drink water containing perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOS) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system. They may experience increased cholesterol levels, and may have an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer. It may also lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant.
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppb)	12	0	Discharge from industrial processes, wastewater treatment, residuals from firefighting foam, runoff/leachate from landfills and septic systems	Some people who drink water containing perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system. They may experience increased cholesterol levels, and may have an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer. It may also lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant.

#### SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS

Secondary MCLs (SMCL)	Level Detected	Date	Treatment technique (if any)	AL (Action Level)	Specific contaminant criteria and reason for monitoring
Chloride (ppm)				250 (ambient groundwater quality standard)	Wastewater, road salt, water softeners, corrosion
Fluoride (ppm)				2	Add Health effects language from EW-DW 806.11 or attach public notice to CCR
Iron (ppm)				0.3	Geological
Manganese (ppm)				0.05	Geological
Nickel				N/A	Geological, electropolishing, battery production, ceramics
PH (ppm)				6.5-8.5	Precipitation and geology
Sodium (ppm)	<5	2017	N/A	100-250	We are required to regularly sample for sodium

Chloramines (ppm)				MCL = 4	MTRG = 4	Natural deposits; nitrate leaching from landfills and septic systems
Chlorine (ppm)				MCL = 4	MTRG = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorite (ppm)				1	8	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chromium (ppb)				100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills, erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)				200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride (ppm)	0.20	7/7/20	4	4	No	Deposits, water softeners, water treatment, erosion of natural deposits, strong leach, discharge from the filter and aluminum factories
Mercury				2	2	Erosion of natural deposits

(inorganic) (ppb)						deposits; nitrate leaching from landfills, runoff from cropland
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	<0.5	7/7/20	10	10		Fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (as Nitrogen) (ppm)			1	1		Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)			30	50		Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Thallium (ppb)			2	0.5		Leaching from ore processing sites; discharge from mines and drug factories

#### Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Level Detected*	Date	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Primary Source of Contamination	Health Effects of Contaminant
2,4-D (ppb)			70	70		Runoff from herbicides used on row crops	Some people who drink water containing 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, or 2,4,6-T in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system. They may experience increased cholesterol levels, and may have an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer. It may also lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant.