

# 2020 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

*Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, ó hable con alguien que lo entienda. (This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.)*

## West Manchester Township Authority Shiloh Water System PWSID NO. 7670101

### 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 John Horvatinovic at 717-764-3624. 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 last Wednesday of the month at 8:00 pm at the Authority office, 2115 Log Cabin Rd., York, PA 17408.

### SOURCE(S) OF WATER:

The Authority operates nine (9) wells which are all located within West Manchester Township. Each well is disinfected by hypochlorination. Fluoride was added as per American Dental Association standards until August 31<sup>st</sup> at which time it stopped being added. System pressure is maintained by three storage tanks with a combined capacity of 2,880,000 gallons.

A *Source Water Assessment Plan* was done for the Authority by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in 2008 and is available for public review at our office at 2115 Log Cabin Rd, York, Pa 17408. Call 717-309-1244 to schedule an appointment to view the plan.

### DEFINITIONS

In the following table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

*Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)* – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

*Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l)* – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

*Picocuries per liter (pCi/l)* – Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

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

*Maximum Contaminant Level* – The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is 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* – The “Goal” (MCLG) is 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.

**MONITORING YOUR WATER**

The Authority routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2020. The State allows us to monitor for 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 data has been noted on the sampling results table as follows:

**DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS**

Contaminant - year	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Units of Measure	Range	MCLG	MCL	Sources of Contamination
Arsenic - 2018*	N	7.0	ppb	0 – 7.0	N/A	10	Runoff from orchards, glass and electronics
Barium - 2018	N	0.639	ppm	0.459 - 0.639	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride – 2020 Fluoridation ended 8/31	N	0.69	ppm	0.64 – 0.69	2	2	Additive which promotes strong teeth
Haloacetic Acid - 2020	N	1.38	ppb	N/A	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Nitrate - 2020	N	2.54	ppm	1.27 – 2.54	10	10	Fertilizer use, septic tanks
Total Trihalomethanes 2020	N	19.4	ppb	N/A	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Combined Uranium-2020	N	6.63	ug/l	3.69 – 6.63	0	20.1	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross alpha - 2020	N	9.64	pCi/l	3.23 – 9.64	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Distribution Chlorine 2020	N	0.29	ppm	0.29 – 0.59	N/A	4	Disinfection
Contaminant	Violation	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	Unit of Measure	# of Sites Above AL	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	Source of Contamination
Lead - 2019	N	0	ppb	0	15 ppb	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper - 2019	N	0.91	ppm	0	1.3 ppm	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing
Di (2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate 2020	N	0	ppb	N/A	0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories

**ENTRY POINT DISINFECTION RESIDUAL**

Contaminant	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine	0.40 – 0.90	0.20	0.20 – 1.03	ppm	2020	N	Water additive to control microbes

*\***Arsenic:** 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.*

**VIOLATIONS**

The haloacetic acid and total trihalomethanes samples were mistakenly taken at the wrong location, Trimmer Elementary School, which had been used in the past. These are the results shown in the table above. When taken at the correct location, Wallace Elementary School, the results were a little lower, 1.15 ppb and 12.7 ppb respectively. Please note that all results are well below DEP limits.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT 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. The Shiloh Water System 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>. Please note there was no lead detected in any of Shiloh Water's samples taken in 2019.

## **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 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 storm water 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 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 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. MCL's are set at very stringent levels for health effects. A person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All 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 the 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.

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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**If you would like a hard copy of this report mailed or otherwise delivered to you, please contact John Horvatinovic at 717-309-1244 or our office at 717-764-3624. All other inquiries may be addressed to the Authority office at:**

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