

2013 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT OF WATER QUALITY

CITY OF FRASER

The 2013 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of water quality tests, and contains important information about water and health. The City of Fraser will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason for concern about our water. The City is pleased to show you how the water delivered to you have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENTS

Lake Huron Plant

Your source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from very low to very high based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. If you would like to know more about this report or a complete copy of this report please contact the Fraser Department of Public Works at (586) 293-3100 extension 126.

Detroit River Plant

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from moderately low to very high based primarily on geological sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intake were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more about this report or a complete copy of this report please contact the Fraser Department of Public Works at (586) 293-3100 extension 126.

IS OUR WATER SAFE TO DRINK?

The City of Detroit treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day seven days a week. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department tests hundreds of samples each week in their certified laboratories by a highly trained staff. Detroit water not only meets safety and health standards, but also ranks among the top 10 in the country for quality and value. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least a small amount of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential effects may be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

REGULATION AND CONTAMINANT INFORMATION

In order to ensure that the tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. The state and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have met all requirements for 2013.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over 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:

1. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewerage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
2. 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.
3. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
4. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and petroleum organics, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water, runoff and septic system.
5. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

CRYPTOSPORIDIUM

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once, during a twelve-month period at our Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are

dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, infants and small children are at greater risk for developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water. 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 to (800-426-4791).

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

LEAD

Since 1992 the City of Fraser's Water Department has been testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute to their household water supply. Of the five homes tested in 2008, none were found to have lead levels above the action level. Homes in Fraser do have copper pipes that prior 1988 were connected by lead solder. Lead solder was widely used prior to being banned in 1988. The actual presence of lead connections does not indicate that there is a lead problem, and over time a protective coating builds up inside the pipe. This coating can reduce the amount of lead that might dissolve in your water. If your home was built prior to 1989, it may have piping that has lead soldered joints. You can take the following precautions to minimize your exposure to lead that possibly may leak into your drinking water from your pipes. Run your water for 30 seconds to two minutes, or until it feels cold. This practice should be followed anytime your water has not been used for more than 6 hours. Always use cold water for drinking, cooking or making baby formula. Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leak unsafe levels of lead into your water. 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 City of Fraser Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. If you are concerned about lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead> or by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Additional copies of this report are available at City Hall, Senior Center, Senior Housing and the Public Library, as well as the Public Works Department. We also invite the public to participate in decisions that affect drinking water quality at our monthly council meetings. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report please contact the City of Fraser Department of Public Works at (586) 293-3100 extension 126. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old. A violation was given to the City of Fraser in the first quarter of 2013 for failing to do the monitoring for the TTHM/HAA5 in the month of February. A violation was given in the first quarter of 2013 for failing to do the monitoring of the TTHM/HAA5. The violation began on March 1, 2013. The system came back into compliance on May 9, 2013 when we collected samples and had them tested for TTHM/HAA5.

2013 Key to the Detected Contaminant Tables

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
> AL	Greater than Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Halooacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Localional Running Annual Average	
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 contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.

**Northeast Water Treatment Plant
2013 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	5/13/2013	ppm	4	4	0.63	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/2013	ppm	10	10	0.42	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	6/9/2008	ppb	50	50	1.0	n/a	no	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.

Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2013	ppb	n/a	80	28	19.5 - 32	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2013	ppb	n/a	60	14	8 - 19	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Disinfectant Residual – Monitoring in Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Disinfectant Total Chlorine residual	2013	ppm	4	4	0.73	0.56-0.85	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2013 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.16 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

2013 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples.	in one month 0	no	Naturally present in the environment.
<i>E.coli</i> or Fecal Coliform Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E.coli</i> positive.	entire year 0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2011 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2011	ppb	0	15	1.1 ppb	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2011	ppm	1.3	1.3	.047	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

2013 Special Monitoring				
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.93	Erosion of natural deposits

**Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant
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Disinfectant Residuals Monitoring in Distribution System								
Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal	Allowed Level	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Disinfectant Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2013	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.81	0.65-0.93	no	Water additive used to control microbes

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2013 Special Monitoring				
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Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.52	Erosion of natural deposits