

Wyalusing Municipal Authority

2023 Water Quality Report

PWSID# 2080034

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable alguien que lo entienda bien.

About You Drinking Water

We are pleased to provide you with information about your drinking water in this 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for the Wyalusing municipal Authority Water System (Public Water Supply ID# 2080034). The report summarizes the quality of water Wyalusing provided in 2023 including details about water sources, what the water at your tap contains, and how it compared to standards set by regulatory agencies. Although the report lists only those regulated substances that were detected in your water, we test for more than what is reported. This report is only a summary of our testing during 2023. If you have any questions about any of the information in this report, please call 570-746-9041 to reach Steve Campbell or visit our website at Wyalusingboro.com.

Sources of Supply

Water for the Wyalusing Municipal Authority water system comes from two wells. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has not completed a water source assessment for the groundwater source for this system. Information on source water assessments is available on the DEP website www.depweb.state.pa.us (DEP keyword "source water"). Complete reports are distributed to Municipalities, water suppliers, local planning agencies and DEP offices.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled) 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 radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animal 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 runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining and farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural, storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas station, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which 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 Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water hotline at 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 disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infections by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

2023 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

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NAME: Wyalusing Municipal Authority

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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 Steve Campbell at 570-746-9041. 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 the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00PM.

SOURCE(S) OF WATER:

Our water source(s) is/are: (Name-Type-Location)

Well # 1 Vineyard Well

Well # 5 Ballpark Well

A Source Water Assessment of our source(s) was completed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (Pa. DEP). The Assessment has found that our source(s) of is/are potentially most susceptible to [insert potential Sources of Contamination listed in your Source Water Assessment Summary]. Overall, our source(s) has/have [little, moderate, high] risk of significant contamination. A summary report of the Assessment is available on the Source Water Assessment Summary Reports eLibrary web page: www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/View/Collection-10045. Complete reports were distributed to municipalities, water supplier, local planning agencies and PADEP offices. Copies of the complete report are available for review at the Pa. DEP NorthCentral Regional Office, Records Management Unit at (570) 327-3636.

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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 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 date has been noted on the sampling results table.

DEFINITIONS:

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.

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.

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

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

pCi/L = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)

ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppq = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

ppt = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS:

| Chemical Contaminants | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------|----------------|---------------------|-------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Contaminant | MCL in CCR Units | MCLG | Level Detected | Range of Detections | Units | Sample Date | Violation Y/N | Sources of Contamination |
| Chlorine | MRDL= 4 | MRDL= 4 | 1.84 | .20-1.84 | ppm | 5-10-23 | n | Water additive to control microbes |
| Nitrate | 10 | 10 | .69 | 0.0-.69 | ppm | 6-7-23 | n | Runoff from fertilizer use, Leachig from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits |
| TTHMs | 80 | N/A | 0.0 | 0.0 | ppb | 8-9-23 | n | Disinfection byproduct |
| HAA5 | 60 | N/A | 1.20 | 1.02-1.20 | ppb | 8-09-23 | n | Disinfection byproduct |
| Barium | 2.0 | N/A | .331 | .255-.331 | ppm | 3-31-21 | n | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Combined Uranium | 30 | 0 | 1.1 | N/A | ug/l | 2-22-18 | n | Erosion of Natural Deposits |
| Radium 226 | 5 | 0 | .667 | N/A | pCi/l | 2-22-18 | n | Erosion of Natural Deposits |
| Radium 228 | 5 | 0 | .585 | N/A | pCi/l | 2-22-18 | n | Erosion of Natural Deposits |

*EPA's MCL for fluoride is 4 ppm. However, Pennsylvania has set a lower MCL to better protect human health.

| Entry Point Disinfectant Residual | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Contaminant | Minimum Disinfectant Residual | Lowest Level Detected | Range of Detections | Units | Sample Date | Violation Y/N | Sources of Contamination |
| .Chlorine | .40 | 1.39 | 1.39-2.94 | ppm | 11-28-23 | n | Water additive used to control microbes. |
| Chlorine | .45 | 1.44 | 1.44-2.18 | ppm | 2-6-23 | n | Water additive used to control microbes. |

| Lead and Copper | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Contaminant | Action Level (AL) | MCLG | 90 th Percentile Value | Units | # of Sites Above AL of Total Sites | Violation Y/N | Sources of Contamination |
| Lead | 15 | 0 | 0.00 | ppb | 0 | n | Corrosion of household plumbing. |
| Copper | 1.3 | 1.3 | .31 | ppm | 0 | n | Corrosion of household plumbing. |

| Microbial (related to Assessments/Corrective Actions regarding TC positive results) | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Contaminants | TT | MCLG | Assessments/ Corrective Actions | Violation Y/N | Sources of Contamination |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | Any system that has failed to complete all the required assessments or correct all identified sanitary defects, is in violation of the treatment technique requirement | N/A | See detailed description under "Detected Contaminants Health Effects Language and Corrective Actions" section | n | Naturally present in the environment. |

| Microbial (related to E. coli) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contaminants | MCL | MCLG | Positive Sample(s) | Violation Y/N | Sources of Contamination |
| <i>E. coli</i> | Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is <i>E. coli</i> -positive or system fails to take repeat samples following <i>E. coli</i> -positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for <i>E. coli</i> . | 0 | 0 | n | Human and animal fecal waste. |
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| Raw Source Water Microbial | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contaminants | MCLG | Total # of Positive Samples | Dates | Violation Y/N | Sources of Contamination |
| <i>E. coli</i> | 0 | 0 | N/A | n | Human and animal fecal waste. |

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS HEALTH EFFECTS LANGUAGE AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

OTHER VIOLATIONS:

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

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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. **Wyalusing 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>.

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