

# **Coy Waterworks**

## **2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and we want you to understand, and be involved in, the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

### ***Where Does Our Drinking Water Come From?***

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. We purchase treated water from Grand Prairie Regional Water whose sources are five wells that pump from the Sparta Sand Aquifer to two treatment facilities. Grand Prairie Regional Water also purchases water from the City of Stuttgart, whose source is four wells that pump from the Quaternary System and Sparta Aquifers to two Water Treatment Plants.

### ***How Safe Is The Source Of Our Drinking Water?***

The Arkansas Department of Health has completed a Source Water Vulnerability Assessment for Grand Prairie Regional Water. The assessment summarizes the potential for contamination of our sources of drinking water and can be used as a basis for developing a source water protection plan. Based on the various criteria of the assessment, our water sources have been determined to have a low to medium susceptibility to contamination. You may request a summary of the Source Water Vulnerability Assessment from our office.

### ***What Contaminants Can Be In Our Drinking Water?***

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, 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 stormwater 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 synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; Radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to assure tap water is safe to drink, EPA has regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

### ***Am I at Risk?***

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. However, 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 small amounts of contamination. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. 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. In addition, EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by microbiological contaminants are also available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

## **Lead and Drinking 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. We are 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>.

### **How Can I Learn More About Our Drinking Water?**

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Kenny Wyllia, Service Manager, at 501-231-4568 (Cell). We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. Our water system currently holds no regularly scheduled public meetings. If you want to learn more, please contact Kenny Wyllia.

### **TEST RESULTS**

We and Grand Prairie Regional Water routinely monitor for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The test results table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. In the table you might find terms and abbreviations you are not familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

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

**GPRW** - Grand Prairie Regional Water

**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)** - unenforceable public health goal; 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.

**NA** - Not applicable

**Parts per billion (ppb)** - a unit of measurement for detected levels of contaminants in drinking water. One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per million (ppm)** - a unit of measurement for detected levels of contaminants in drinking water. One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - a measure of the radioactivity in water

<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS</b>						
<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Violation Y/N</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>MCLG (Public Health Goal)</b>	<b>MCL (Allowable Level)</b>	<b>Major Sources in Drinking Water</b>
Total Coliform Bacteria (Coy Water)	N	None	Present	0	1 positive sample per month	Naturally present in the environment
<b>RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS</b>						
<b>Contaminant</b>	<b>Violation Y/N</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>MCLG (Public Health Goal)</b>	<b>MCL (Allowable Level)</b>	<b>Major Sources in Drinking Water</b>
Combined radium (226 + 228) (GPRW-Lonoke WTP)	N	Average: 2.73 Range: 2.3 - 3.0	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (226 + 228) (Stuttgart)	N	Average: 2.53 Range: 1.9 - 2.8				

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG (Public Health Goal)	MCL (Allowable Level)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride (GPRW - Lonoke WTP)	N	Average: 1.15 Range: 0.58 – 1.37	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
Fluoride (GPRW - DeWitt WTP)	N	Average: 0.75 Range: 0.57 – 0.90				
Fluoride (Stuttgart)	N	Average: 1.18 Range: 0.68 – 1.36				
Nitrate [as Nitrogen] (Stuttgart)	N	Average: 0.60 Range: 0.57 – 0.62	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

LEAD AND COPPER TAP MONITORING					
Contaminant	Number of Sites over Action Level	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Result	Unit	Action Level	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead (Coy Water)	1	0.022	ppm	0.015	Corrosion from household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (Coy Water)	0	0.22	ppm	1.3	

- ◆ **Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.**
- ◆ We are currently on a reduced monitoring schedule and required to sample once every three years for lead and copper at the customers' taps. The results above are from our last monitoring period in 2014. Our next required monitoring period in 2017.

REGULATED DISINFECTANTS						
Disinfectant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MRDLG (Public Health Goal)	MRDL (Allowable Level)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Chlorine (Coy Water)	N	Average: 0.42 Range: 0.03 – 0.9	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

BY-PRODUCTS OF DRINKING WATER DISINFECTION						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG (Public Health Goal)	MCL (Allowable Level)	
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] (Coy Water)	N	Average: 4.8 Range: 4.6 – 5.0	ppb	0	60	
THM [Total Trihalomethanes] (Coy Water)	N	Average: 25.8 Range: 25.4 – 26.1	ppb	NA	80	

◆ We are currently on a reduced monitoring schedule for Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids in the distribution system. These results are from 2014.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS					
Contaminant	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG (Public Health Goal)	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Chlorate (GPRW)	Average: 174 Range: 143 – 207	ppb	NA	Undetermined	
Strontium (UCMR3) (GPRW)	Average: 332 Range: 100 - 468	ppb	Undetermined	Naturally-occurring element; historically, commercial use of strontium has been in the faceplate glass of cathode-ray tube televisions to block x-ray emissions	
Vanadium (UCMR3) (GPRW)	0.23	ppb	Undetermined	Naturally-occurring elemental metal; used as vanadium pentoxide which is a chemical intermediate and a catalyst	

◆ Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. MCLs (Maximum Contaminant Levels) and MCLGs (Maximum Contaminant Level Goals) have not been established for all unregulated contaminants.

VIOLATIONS – Coy Waterworks			
TYPE: Bacteriological Monitoring	FROM:	TO:	CORRECTIVE ACTION:
Failed to submit valid bacteriological samples	5/1/2015	5/31/2015	Resumed bacteriological monitoring as required by state and federal regulations
TYPE: Licensing	FROM:	TO:	CORRECTIVE ACTION:
State licensing regulations were not met	5/1/2015	5/31/2015	Water system operator obtained license in compliance with state regulations

No Licensed Operator – DBP Treatment Technique

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Coy Waterworks \_\_\_\_\_ is a public water system subject to regulation under  
(name of water system)  
the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Those regulations require the notification of customers whenever a violation occurs and is the basis for this notice.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets national standards for drinking water and has established a requirement that certain public water systems must be operated by a qualified operator. The Arkansas Department of Health defines a qualified operator as a person holding an appropriate valid Water Operator's License based on the type of water system and population served. This requirement was not met during May, 2015 .

(date(s) or month(s))

Failure to meet this standard does not mean that the water is unsafe or that alternate sources of water should be used. The water system has Obtained a water operator qualified to operate the water system \_\_\_\_\_

(detail the action taken to correct the violation)

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, contact the water system at 501-231-4568 or the Engineering Section of the Department of Health at 501-661-2623.

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