

# **Wiederkehr Village Water Department**

## **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 our water from Altus Waterworks. Altus Waterworks purchases treated water from Ozark Water Department whose source is surface water from Lake Hudspeth.

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

The Arkansas Department of Health has completed a Source Water Vulnerability Assessment for Ozark Water Department. The assessment summarizes the potential for contamination of our source 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 source has been determined to have a 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 Mayor Al Wiederkehr, at 479-209-1266. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at 3323 Swiss Family Drive.

## TEST RESULTS

We, Altus Waterworks and Ozark Water Department 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.

**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

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - a unit of measurement for the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**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.

MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG (Public Health Goal)	MCL (Allowable Level)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria (Wiederkehr Village)	N	None	Present	0	1 positive sample per month	Naturally present in the environment
TURBIDITY						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG (Public Health Goal)	MCL (Allowable Level)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Turbidity (Ozark Water Dept.)	N	Highest yearly sample result: 0.14 Lowest monthly % of samples meeting the turbidity limit: 100%	NTU	NA	Any measurement in excess of 1 NTU constitutes a violation A value less than 95% constitutes a violation	Soil runoff
♦ Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of water. Ozark Water Dept. monitors it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of their filtration system.						
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG (Public Health Goal)	MCL (Allowable Level)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride (Ozark Water Dept.)	N	Average: 0.78 Range: 0.73 - 0.87	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [as Nitrogen] (Ozark Water Dept.)	N	0.46	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 (Wiederkehr Village)	1	0.011	ppm	0.015	Corrosion from household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	
Copper (Wiederkehr Village)	0	0.10	ppm	1.3		
♦ We are on a reduced monitoring schedule and required to sample once every three years for lead and copper at the customers' taps. Our last monitoring period was 2015. Our next required monitoring period is 2018.						
♦ <b>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.</b>						
TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON						
♦ The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was routinely monitored by Ozark Water Dept. in 2015, and all TOC removal requirements set by USEPA were met. TOC has no health effects. However, Total Organic Carbon provides a medium for the formation of disinfection by-products. These by-products include Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic acids (HAAs).						
REGULATED DISINFECTANTS						
Disinfectant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit	MRDLG (Public Health Goal)	MRDL (Allowable Level)	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Chlorine (Wiederkehr Village)	N	Average: 0.58 Range: 0.31 - 1.04	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] (Wiederkehr Village)	N	13.2	ppb	0	60
TTMH [Total Trihalomethanes] (Wiederkehr Village)	N	Average: 20.0 Range: 19.2 – 20.7	ppb	NA	80
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS					
Contaminant	Level Detected	Unit	MCLG (Public Health Goal)	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Chloroform (Ozark Water Dept.)	7.58	ppb	70	By-products of drinking water disinfection	
Bromodichloromethane (Ozark Water Dept.)	3.38	ppb	0		
Dibromochloromethane (Ozark Water Dept.)	1.01	ppb	60		
<p>♦ 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.</p>					

VIOLATIONS- Wiederkehr Village Water Dept.				
TYPE: Bacteriological Monitoring	FROM:	TO:	CORRECTIVE ACTION:	
Failed to take bacteriological samples in multiple sampling periods	11/1/2015	11/30/2015	Resumed bacteriological monitoring as required by state and federal regulations	
TYPE: Disinfection By-products rule	FROM:	TO:	CORRECTIVE ACTION:	
State licensing regulations were not met	10/1/2015	11/30/2015	Water system operator obtained license in compliance with state regulations	
TYPE: Failure to Respond to a Significant Deficiency within 45 days	FROM:	TO:	CORRECTIVE ACTION:	
The system must provide a pair of redundant (duplexed) pumps for the pump station. Each of these pumps must be capable of providing the peak demand flows of the system. An Emergency power supply with automatic transfer switch gear must be provided to ensure that water service is maintained during power outages from the main system. Or provide connection to Watalula or Altus capable of sustaining system at peak demand.	8/1/2015	2/28/2015	Corrected or in process of correcting Significant Deficiencies	
An automatic air release valve is needed at the highest elevation of the water main in order to reduce hydraulic surges.				
The backflow preventor device installed on the water main for the winery must be installed properly (above ground or in a pit draining to daylight) in order for the device to be annually tested.				

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES	
Under the Surface Water Rule, each Water Treatment System must be surveyed (audited) by the Arkansas Department of Health and all uncorrected Significant Deficiencies must be identified, corrected and reported to the public. Wiederkehr Village Water had three Significant Deficiencies identified during their March 26, 2013 survey, and as a follow up to a complaint call on August 15, 2013.	
Nature of Deficiencies	Progress to Date
Wiederkehr Village Water Cross Connection Control: The backflow prevention device installed on the water main for the winery must be installed properly (above ground or in a pit draining to daylight) in order for the device to be annually tested.	RPZ installed, that allows for yearly resting.
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An automatic air release valve is needed at the highest elevation of the water main in order to reduce hydraulic surges.	Release valve installed