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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2023



VALLEY RURAL UTILITY COMPANY



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Valley Rural Utility Company Water Division

Valley Rural Utility Company, your utility company, is pleased to present the annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality for the calendar year of 2023. This report is designed to inform you, our consumers, of the quality water that we supply to your homes. Valley Rural Utility Company (VRUC) is committed to providing quality drinking water. VRUC purchases water from two sources to ensure an adequate supply. Greendale Utilities and Tri-Township Water Corporation are those suppliers. Tri-Township Water, in Bright, has well fields that draw from the Whitewater Valley aquifer. Greendale Utilities has well fields that draw from the Ohio River Valley aquifer.

We are pleased to report that both sources provide us with safe drinking water meeting both state and federal requirements. Greendale Utilities and Tri-Township Water routinely test their water supplies for contaminants at the sources and within their systems. To ensure that the supply is not contaminated, VRUC also tests the water at several locations within Hidden Valley.

If you have any questions regarding this report or your utility company, please contact the General Manager, Bill Neyer, at the VRUC office at (812) 539-3330. If you would like to remain informed and learn more about your utility company, please visit our web site. If you would like to be on the agenda for a meeting, a form needs to be filled out by noon on the Thursday before the meeting.

"The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lake, 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 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, storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- . Organic chemicals, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industry and processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas station, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- . Radioactive materials, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

TEST RESULTS							
CONTAMINATES		HIGHEST LEVEL DETECTED	VIOLATION	UNIT MEASURE MENT	MCLG	MCL	LIKLEY SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION
Nitrate Greendale Tri-Township Radioactive Contaminates	2023 2023	1.35 2.09	NO NO	ppm ppm	10 10	10 10	Run off from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, erosion of natural sewage deposits
Alpha emitters	'						
Greendale	2023	0.74	NO	pCi/I	N/A	15	Erosion of natural & man made deposits
Tri-Township	2020	2.3	NO	pCi/I	N/A	15	
Radium 228							
Tri-Township	2023	1.34	NO	ug/L	0	5.00	Erosion of natural deposits
Greendale	2023	1.24	NO	ug/L	0	5.00	
Uranium							
Greendale	2023	0.74	NO	ug/L	N/A	30	Erosion of natural deposits
Tri-Township	2017	0.8964	NO	ug/L	N/A	30	,
Selenium	2011	0.0001			14// (Discharge from petroleum refineries; erosion of natural
Tri-Township	2023	<0.005	NO	mg/L	0.05	0.05	deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium	2020	0.000		g/ _	0.00	0.00	Natural erosion of road salt application; leaching from ore-
Greendale	2021	165	NO	ppm	N/A	N/A	processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug
Tri-Township	2023	13.9	NO	ppm	N/A	N/A	factories
Chlorine	2020	10.0		PP	1477	,, .	
Greendale	2023	1	NO	ppm	0	4.0000	Water additive (disinfectant used to control microbiological
Tri-Township	2023	1.0	NO	ppm	0	4	organisms
Inorganic Contaminates	2020	1.0	110	ррпп	0	-	
Beryllium	0000	.0.000	NO			4 .	Discharge from natural refineries & coal burning factoires.
Tri-Township-Cyanide 2015	2023 2023	<0.003	NO NO	ppb	4 ppb	4 ppb	Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Greendale	2023	ND	NU	ppb	4 ppb	4 ppb	
Barium					_	_	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries;
Greendale	2023	ND	NO	ppm	2	2	erosion of natural deposits
Tri-Township	2023	0.075	NO	ppm	2	2	·
Fluoride							Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes
Greendale	2021	0.744	NO	ppm	4	4	strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Tri-Township	2023	0.157	NO	ppm	2	4	gg
Cyanide							Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic
Greendale	2023	ND	NO	mg/L	0.2	0.2	and fertilizer factories
Tri-Township	2023	<0.02	NO	mg/L	0.2	0.2	did fortilizar factorios
Copper VRUC	2021	0.234	NO	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural
Lead	2021	0.234	INO	ррпп	1.0	AL-1.3	deposits
VRUC	2021	3.45	NO	ppm	0	AL=15	. асроята
Trihalomethanes (TTHM)							
VRUC	2023	11.3	NO	ppb	N/A	80	Du product of deplete
Greendale	2023	23.0	NO	ppb	N/A	80	By product of drinking water chlorination
Tri-Township	2023	9.19	NO	ppb	N/A	80	
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)			-				
VRUC	2023	6.01	NO	ppb	N/A	60	Downson doubt of definition of the Co.
Greendale	2023	8.00	NO	ppb	N/A	60	By product of drinking water chlorination
Tri-Township	2023	6.1	NO	ppb	N/A	60	
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Special Note on Arsenic: The new arsenic MCL is effective on January 23, 2006. Until then the MCL is 50 ug/l and there is no MCLG. Arsenic is a naturally-occurring mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations.

Special Note on 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. Our system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but can not 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

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or is man made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals.

In the 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.

Part 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.

Part per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter- 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)- picocures per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

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 know or expected risk to health. MCLGS allows for a margin of safety. Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

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. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation 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 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 (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.

You, our customers, are the reason that VRUC takes such care with our water. We thank you for allowing us to provide your family with clean, quality water. Valley Rural Utility Company serves approximately 5,000 people. In 2022, we purchased 128,844,000 gallons of safe drinking water. This relates to an average of 353,107 gallons per day or 70 gallons per person per day.

Always remember that we are here to serve you and provide quality water to your family. We ask that all of our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. If you have any questions, please call our office.

Sincerely, Bill Never The Board and Staff of Valley Rural Utility Company