

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
ROSE CITY WATER DEPARTMENT

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. We obtain our water from two (2) water wells, #1 well is 160 feet deep and #2 well is 80 feet below the surface of the ground.

Is our water safe to drink? We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets or surpasses all current federal and state requirements.

The City of Rose City with the addition of the Water Treatment Plant is adding chlorine to the water system. To reach the proper level of filtration in the plant, water personnel are recommended to keep chlorine residual of 1 ppm. The City of Rose City has been able to keep a monthly average between .85 ppm and 1.25 ppm

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Howard LaCosse, Water System Operator at 989-685-2646. 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 first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Rose City Council Room, 310 N. Williams St., Rose City.

The Rose City Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013.

In this 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:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts 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.

Parts 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) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

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

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 known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

An Explanation of the Water – Quality Data Table:

The Table shows the results of our water-quality analysis. Every regulated contaminant that we detected in the water, even in the most minute traces, is listed here. The table contains the name of each substance, the highest level allowed by regulation (MCL), the ideal goals for the public health (MCLG), the amount detected, the unit of measurement, if it was a violation or not, and the usual sources of such contaminants.

TEST RESULTS

| Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Unit Measurement | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
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Inorganic Contaminants

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| Arsenic | N | 7 | ppb | 0* | 10* | Erosion of natural deposits. |
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Unregulated Contaminants

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|--------|---|---|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Sodium | N | 7 | ppm | N/A | N/A | Natural deposits in groundwater. Used in water softeners. |
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Lead and Copper

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| Lead 90 th percentile | N | 0 | ppb | 0 | 15 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems. |
| Copper 90 th percentile | N | 35 | ppb | 1300 | 1300 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems. |

Note – None of our lead or copper samples exceeded either action level.

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. City of Rose City 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

What does this mean?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which 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.

Unregulated Contaminants: These are constituents that have not been regulated by the EPA, but are monitored in routine testing. This monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether EPA may need to regulate those contaminants. Sodium was detected in our drinking water.

Our drinking water would be considered a “sodium free” drink per the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. Our sampling of our drinking water did not detect any of these organisms.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations of current MCLs. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The table does not include all the contaminants that we tested for, only for those that were detected.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) 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, 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:

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 arsenic, 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 byproducts 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.

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. 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**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the City of Rose City

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During September 1 to September 30, 2015 we did not complete all monitoring for Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during September 1 to September 30, 2015, how often we are supposed to sample for Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acid contaminants and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we will collect follow-up samples.

| Contaminant | Required sampling frequency | Number of samples taken | When all samples should have been taken | Date additional samples will be taken |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Total Trihalomethanes | 1 @ 36 months | 0 | 09/01/2015 to 09/30/2015 | 09/01/2016 to 09/30/2016 |
| Haloacetic acids | 1 @ 36 months | 0 | 09/01/2015 to 09/30/2015 | 09/01/2016 to 09/30/2016 |

What happened? What is being done? We monitor our distribution system every 36 months for Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids. In 2015, we mistakenly collected samples at the incorrect location. Sampling can only take place during specific periods and will be sampled during the next sampling period. We have taken steps to be sure to monitor for Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic acids, as required.

For more information, please contact Mr. Howard Lacosse, 310 N Williams, Rose City, MI, 48654 (989) 305-7986 or the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality at (989) 894-6200.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Rose City.

CERTIFICATION:

WSSN: 05815

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature: 

Title: Operator

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