



# JEFFERSON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

## 2016 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report *For Service Areas G1 & G2*

### Introduction

The Jefferson County Water and Sewer District (JCWSD) has prepared the following report to provide information to you, the consumer, on the quality of our drinking water. Included within this report is general health information, water quality test results, how to participate in decisions concerning your drinking water and water system contacts.

### License to Operate (LTO) Status

We have a current, unconditional license to operate our water system.

### Source Water Information

The JCWSD does not own a water treatment plant. Therefore, it must purchase all the water it delivers to its customers from various suppliers. The vast network of pipelines, storage tanks, and booster pump stations used to distribute water by the JCWSD are divided into different service areas. The Table below lists the different service areas and corresponding supplier.

| SERVICE AREA                                    | SUPPLIER  |
|---|---|
| B-1, M, PHKE                                    | City of Toronto Water Department  |
| O, Overlook Hills Subdivision                   | City of Toronto Water Department  |
| J, Sunshine Park, Jefferson Heights Area        | City of Steubenville Water Department   |
| A, New Alexandria, CR 19, SR 151                | Brilliant Water and Sewer District  |
| Smithfield, Piney Fork & SR152                  | Brilliant Water and Sewer District / Village of Tiltonsville Water and Sewer Department |
| <b><i>G1 &amp; G2, Rayland Area, SR 150</i></b> | <b><i>Village of Tiltonsville Water and Sewer Department</i></b>                        |

The source of water for the Village of Tiltonsville Water and Sewer Department are two wells. The North well is located approximately 100 ft. north of the water treatment building at the eastern end of Hodgens Avenue in Tiltonsville, Ohio. The south well is located just east of the water treatment plant at the eastern end of Hodges Avenue. After the water comes out of the well it is treated to remove several contaminants, and a disinfectant is added to destroy microbiological contaminants. The North well liner was replaced with a new stainless steel liner and pump in December, 2013. In 2005, the south well was replaced with a new well and submersible pumping system. There is a back-up connection with the Village of Yorkville for emergency use. A copy of Yorkville's Consumer Confidence report can be obtained by calling 740-859-5171.

### Source Water Assessment and its availability

The Ohio EPA has completed a source water assessment for the Village of Tiltonsville to identify potential contaminant sources and provide direction on protecting the drinking water source. According to this study, the aquifer (water-rich zone) that supplies water to the Village of Tiltonsville has a relatively high susceptibility to contamination. This is based on the following: The lack of a protective layer of clay/shale/other overlying the aquifer and the presence of significant potential contaminant sources in the protection area. This susceptibility means that under current, existing conditions, the likelihood of the aquifer becoming contaminated is relatively high. This likelihood can be minimized by implementing appropriate protective measures. For information on how to obtain a copy of this report, please visit Ohio EPA's Source Water Assessment and Protection Program Web page at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/pdu/swap.html> or contact Carl Sgalla, Tiltonsville Village Administrator, at 740-859-4692 or the Jefferson County Water and Sewer District at 740-283-8577.

### What are the sources of contamination to drinking water?

The sources of both tap water 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 include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; (D) 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems; (E) radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 the 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 health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)

### Who needs to take special precautions?

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 for infection. 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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### About your drinking water

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. The JCWSD and the Village of Tiltonsville Water and Sewer Department conducted sampling for; bacteria; nitrate and other contaminants during 2016, most of which were not detected in the water supply. The Ohio EPA requires systems to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently, therefore, some results were obtained prior to 2016. **Listed below is information on those contaminants that were found as the result of monitoring by the Village of Tiltonsville Water and Sewer Department and the JCWSD. (Contaminants sampled by the JCWSD are marked with an \*.)**

| Contaminants (Units)                                | MCLG | MCL     | Level Found | Range of Detection's | Violation | Sample Year | Typical Source of Contaminants  |
|---|------|---------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|---|
| <b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>                       |      |         |             |                      |           |             |   |
| Lead (ppb)*   | 0    | AL = 15 | 0           | NA                   | No        | 2015        | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits. |
| 1 of 23 samples exceeded the action level of 15 ppb |      |         |             |                      |           |             |   |

|   |  |         |        |    |    |      |   |
|---|--|---------|--------|----|----|------|---|
| Copper (ppm)*                           | 1.3  | AL= 1.3 | .3632  | NA | No | 2015 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits  |
|   | 0 of 23 samples exceeded the Action Level of 1.3 ppm |         |        |    |    |      |   |
| Nitrate (ppm)<br>[measured as nitrogen] | 10   | 10      | 1.56   | NA | No | 2016 | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits                               |
| Fluoride                                | 4  | 4       | .25    | NA | No | 2015 | erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Barium (ppm)                            | 2  | 2       | 0.0405 | NA | No | 2015 | Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits                                |

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|--------------------------------------|------|-----|-------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|---|
| <b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b> |      |     |             |                      |           |             |   |
| Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)          | N/A  | 80  | 6.35        | 5.18 – 7.52          | No        | 2016        | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| <b>Residual Disinfectants</b>        |      |     |             |                      |           |             |   |
| Chlorine (ppm)*                      | 4    | 4   | 1.13        | 0.69 – 1.37          | No        | 2016        | Water additive used to control microbes   |

#### **Additional Information for 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. JCWSD 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 at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

#### **How do I participate in decisions concerning my drinking water?**

Public participation and comment are encouraged at regular meetings of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners which meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 A.M. at 301 Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

**For help obtaining more information** on your drinking water contact Wayne R. Ruckman of the JCWSD at (740)283-8577 or via email at [wruckman@jcwatersewer.com](mailto:wruckman@jcwatersewer.com).

#### **Definitions of some terms contained within this report.**

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 Contaminant levels (MCL): The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Parts per Million (ppms) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L) are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

Parts per Billion (ppbs) or Micrograms per Liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years.

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

The “<” symbol: A symbol which means less than. A result of < 5 means that the lowest level that could be detected was 5 and the contaminant in that sample was not detected.

The “>” symbol: A symbol which means greater than.

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