

# *Annual Drinking Water Quality Report*

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We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We purchase our water from Shoshone Municipal Pipeline which is treated surface water from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

This report shows our water quality and what it means.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Bill Winters at 307-754-9803. 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 council meetings. They are held on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The City of Powell 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<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In order to insure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA establishes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administrations establishes limits for contaminants in bottled water. 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 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-Detected (ND)** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**Parts per Million (ppm)** - 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)** - Micrograms per liter. One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

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

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The “Maximum Allowed” 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 (MCLG)** - The “Goal” 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.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)** – Measurement or turbidity in drinking water.

**N/A** – Not Applicable.

**TT** – A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Yes/no	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	0		0	Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and <i>E.coli</i>	N	0		0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive	Human and animal fecal waste
Turbidity	N	0.03 - 0.07	NTU	N/A	TT	Soil runoff

<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Lead *	N	0.002	ppm	0.015-AL		Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper *	N	0.06	ppm	1.3-AL		Corrosion of household plumbing
Nitrate	N	0.11	ppm	10	10	Corrosion of household plumbing
Sodium	N	13	ppm			
<b>Disinfection By-Products (Average)</b>						
Chloroform	N	16-18 (17)	ppb			By-product of drinking water disinfection
Bromodichloromethane	N	1.9-2.8 (2.5)	ppb			By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorodibromomethane	N	0.0-0.2 (0.2)	ppb			By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes	N	18.0-21.0 (20)	ppb			By-product of drinking water disinfection
Dichloroacetic Acid	N	7.4-9.9 (8.53)	ppb			By-product of drinking water disinfection
Trichloroacetic Acid	N	8.0-11 (9.63)	ppb			By-product of drinking water disinfection
Monochloroacetic Acid	N	0.0-1.9 (1.9)	ppb			By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acid (HAA5)	N	16.0-21.0 (19)	ppb			By-product of drinking water disinfection
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	N	0.09	ppb		50	(SOC) By-product of Agricultural use

### Secondary Standards and Unregulated Contaminants

Parameter	Range of Detection	Average Level	Measurement		MCL	
Sulfate	13	13	ppm		Secondary Standard	
PH	7.49-8.25	7.95	pH		6.5-8.5	
Color	0-2	0	units		15 Color Unit	
Chlorine	0.30-1.70	1.18	ppm		MRDLG 4	Max Residual Disinfectant Level Goal
Total Dissolved Solids	65-100	83	ppm		500 mg/L	
Calcium	22-48	38	ppm			
Hardness	32-66	48	ppm			
Iron	0.002-0.023	0.013	ppm			
Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	40-67	55	ppm			
Giardia	0	0	#/100L			
Cryptosporidium	0	0	#/100L			

**\*Lead/Copper:** The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for 2007 testing was 0.002 ppm for lead and 0.06 ppm for copper. No sampling sites exceeded the action level for copper; one sampling site exceeded the action level for lead. Lead and Copper sampling is done every three years.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, 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.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

#### Water Supply:

The City's water source is the Shoshone Municipal Pipeline Water Treatment Plant located at the base of Cedar Mountain just west of Cody, Wyoming. The Shoshone Water Treatment Plant is a state-of-the-art plant using conventional treatment processes. The Water Treatment Plant gets its water from the Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Water from the North Fork and South Fork River, discharges into the reservoir and travels through the Bureau of Reclamation's Spirit Mountain Energy Dissipation Structure pipe system to the treatment plant. After treatment, the water is delivered to the City of Powell via 26 miles of Shoshone Municipal's Pipeline into the City of Powell Water Plant and Distribution System.

Source Water Assessment information can be obtained by contacting SMP directly @ (307) 527-6492.

#### Required Additional Information:

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 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 (800) 426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (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 can dissolve naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials, 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 water run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, 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 use.
- 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 ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in the water provided by the public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for human health.

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Required Information on Health Effects:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as person 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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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 Powell is responsible for providing high quality 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 the 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>.

Please call our office if you have questions.

We at the City of Powell work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap, said Bill Winters. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.