

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

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City of Stewartville 2010 Drinking Water Report

The City of Stewartville is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2010. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

Source of Water

The City of Stewartville provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 805 to 1204 feet deep, that draw water from the St. Peter/Prairie du Chien and Jordan-Galesville aquifers.

The Minnesota Department of Health has determined that the source(s) used to supply your drinking water is not particularly susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

Call **533-4745** if you have questions about the City of Stewartville drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water.

Results of Monitoring

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2010. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

Key to abbreviations:

MCLG—Maximum Contaminant Level 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.

MCL—Maximum Contaminant Level: 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.

MRDL—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.

MRDLG—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.

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

90th Percentile Level—This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which 10 samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.) Note: In situations in which only 5 samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

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ppm—Parts per million, which can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

ppb—Parts per billion, which can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

N/A—Not Applicable (does not apply).

| Contaminant (units) | MCLG | MCL | Level Found | | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---|------|-----|--------------|------------------|---|
| | | | Range (2010) | Average /Result* | |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 4 | 4 | 1-1.2 | 1.15 | State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| TTHM (Total trihalomethanes) (ppb) (08/10/2009) | 0 | 80 | N/A | 4.5 | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |

*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

| Contaminant (units) | MRDLG | MRDL | **** | ***** | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---------------------|-------|------|--------|-------|--|
| Chlorine (ppm) | 4 | 4 | .3-2.3 | .67 | Water additive used to control microbes. |

****Highest and Lowest Monthly Average.

*****Highest Quarterly Average.

| Contaminant (units) | MCLG | AL | 90% Level | # sites over AL | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---------------------|------|-----|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Copper (ppm) | 1.3 | 1.3 | .37 | 0 out of 20 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Lead (ppb) | 0 | 15 | 1.7 | 0 out of 20 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits. |

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 Stewartville 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Some contaminants do not have Maximum Contaminant Levels established for them. These unregulated contaminants are assessed using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. In the table that follows are the unregulated contaminants that were detected:

| Contaminant (units) | Level Found | | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| | Range (2010) | Average/Result | |
| Sodium (ppm) | N/A | 90.1 | Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Sulfate (ppm) | N/A | 151 | Erosion of natural deposits. |

Compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

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 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 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 ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration 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 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.

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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.



2010 CERTIFICATION FORM

Name of System: Stewartville

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The information in the attached Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is accurate and has been distributed to customers in the following manner. You must choose at least one of the following options:

Published the **entire** CCR in one or more local community newspapers with a comment that the CCR is not being directly mailed to all customers but that a copy is available upon request (provided a phone number for customers to call and request a copy of the CCR).

Return a copy or newspaper clipping of the CCR to MDH. List newspaper(s) and date(s) of publication:

Stewartville Star - April 12, 2011

Individually distributed to all customers. If the distribution of the CCR was included with a water bill, efforts must have been made to reach customers who do not receive water bills, (such as apartment tenants, nursing home residents, etc.). This can be done by publicizing the availability of the CCR in the media, posting in public places, delivering multiple copies of the CCR for distribution by single-biller customers, delivering CCR to community organizations, posting on the internet, and/or including within the CCR a request for recipients to share information with non-billing customers.

If posted on the internet, list web site address _____

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Signature: Barbara K. Neubauer Print Name: Barbara K. Neubauer

Job Title: Finance Director Phone: 507-533-4745 Date: 5-5-11

Email address: bneubauer@stewartville.mn.com

Please print clearly

PLEASE NOTE: Although MDH sent a CCR to your system, we need a "final" copy of the CCR that your system distributed for our records. Whether you reformatted the CCR, or simply added a phone number for your system on the CCR, you must return a copy of the CCR and this form to MDH.

Failure to produce and distribute an annual Consumer Confidence Report and submit a copy of the report and Certification Form to the MDH by July 1, 2011, will result in enforcement actions, which may include fines, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and/or the MDH.

If you need a copy of the report, please call the Drinking Water Message Center 651/201-4650 in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, or toll-free at 1/800/818-9318 or by email, health.drinkingwateradvisory@state.mn.us.

Return this form, along with a copy of the CCR or newspaper clipping of the CCR, **by July 1, 2011** in the enclosed envelope.

Mailing Address:
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c/o Ms. Jenevera Cook
Drinking Water Protection Section
P. O. Box 64975
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0975

Fax: 651/201-4701
Email: health.drinkingwateradvisory@state.mn.us

RETURN A COPY OF YOUR CCR AND THIS FORM TO MDH

