

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Pontoon Beach PWD

IL1195300

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by Pontoon Beach PWD is purchased Surface Water

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water:

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 storm water 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 storm water 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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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.

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 (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. We 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>.

Source Water Information:

<u>Source Water Name</u>	<u>Type of Water</u>	<u>Report Status</u>	<u>Location</u>
CC 01-METER-100FT W/SARA ON N FF IL1195030 TPO2	SW	-----	Pontoon Rd
CC 02-METER-NW COR OF INT PONTOON FF IL1195030 TPO2	SW	-----	RD/RTE 111
CC 03-METER-SW COR OF INT HWY 111 FF IL1195030 TPO2	SW	-----	TIMBERLAKE DR

Source Water ASSESSMENT:

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by the Pontoon Beach Public Water District Office located at 3959 Pontoon Rd, Pontoon Beach, Illinois or call our water operator at 618-931-2856. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: IL AMERICAN-GRANITE CITY Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems, hence, the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Mandatory treatment includes coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Within the Illinois portion of the Mississippi River Watershed, which is illustrated in Figure 3, many commodities, including manufactured goods, petrochemicals, and pesticides are transported along the river system. The production, storage, and transportation of these commodities are a major concern, especially when occurring near surface water intakes. In addition, agricultural runoff within the Illinois portion of the Mississippi River Basin contributes to the susceptibility of the IAWC-Granite City intakes. With high flow rates and long distances of travel on the Mississippi River, critical areas can be extensive. The critical area for the IAWC-Granite City intake was determined using data from a joint U. S. Environmental Protection Agency/U. S. Geological Survey project. This project used a computer modeling program (SPARROW) to determine travel times on major rivers in the United States. Accidental spills of hazardous materials into navigable waterways are a major concern because of their frequency in the United States in recent years. Illinois has access to 1,116 miles of inland waterway that can handle commercial barge traffic. These include the Upper Mississippi River, Illinois River Waterway, and the Ohio River. Along these waterways are numerous facilities that load and unload hazardous materials. Analysis of reported spills indicate that between 1974 and 1989, 794 accidental spills of hazardous materials occurred along Illinois waterways. Approximately 92% of these spills occurred along the Mississippi and/or the Illinois River. Figure 2 shows the critical area of concern (Zone 1) for the IAWC-Granite City surface water intake. Spills occurring in this critical area will travel to the intake in five hours or less, making contingency planning and spill reporting a major concern in this watershed. Information concerning spill response planning on the Mississippi River may be found at the U. S. EPA website www.epa.gov/region5/oil, and additional data can also be downloaded at the U. S. Geological Survey's FTP site ftp://ftp.umesc.er.usgs.gov/pub/gis_data/oil_spill.

2019 REGULATED CONTAMINANTS DETECTED

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

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

Copper

Date Sampled: 2017
MCLG: 1.3
Action Level (AL): 1.3
90th Percentile: 0.175
of Sites Over AL: 0
Units: ppm
Violation: N
Likely Source of Contamination: Erosion of Natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Avg:

Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Level 1 Assessment:

A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment:

A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:

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 or 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 residual disinfectant level or MRDL:

The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:

The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

na:

Not Applicable

mrem:

millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-products

	Chloramines	Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)
Collection Date:	2019	2019	2019
Highest Level Detected:	2.4	27	43
Range of Levels Detected:	2.2-2.4	20.6-37.6	20.2-71.2
MCLG:	MRDLG = 4	No goal	No goal
MCL:	MRDL = 4	60	80
Units:	ppm	ppb	ppb
Violation:	N	N	N
Likely Source of Contamination:	Water additive used to control microbes	By-Product of drinking water disinfection	By-product of drinking water disinfection

VIOLATIONS TABLE

Chloramines:

Some people that use water containing chloramines well in excess of the MDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chloramines well in excess of the MDL could experience stomach discomfort or anemia.

Violation type	Violation Begin	Violation End
Monitoring, Routine (DPB)	12/01/2019	12/31/2019

Violation Explanation: We failed to obtain the adequate number test of our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR):

The revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) seeks to prevent waterborne disease caused by E. Coli. E. Coli. Are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effect, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches.

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Monitoring, Routine, (RTCR)	12/01/2019	12/31/2019

Violation Explanation: We failed to obtain the adequate number test of our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET FOR PONTOON BEACH PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT

Our water system violated drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of the regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During December 2019 we did not complete all monitoring or testing for Chloramine and E. Coli. 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. Below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we were supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were taken
Chloramine	4	2	12/01/2019 - 12/31/2019	1/7/2020
E. Coli	4	2	12/01/2019 - 12/31/2019	1/7/2020

What Happened? What is being Done?

Our district is required to take 4 samples a month, 2 samples in the first half of the month and 2 samples in the second half of the month. Our first 2 samples were taken on time, our second 2 samples were taken on time however during the holidays the Lab was closed in order to process the samples, therefore our final 2 samples for December 2019 were not tested. The District immediately dropped off new samples to lab immediately upon being notified that the previous samples were not tested. The new samples were tested on January 7, 2020 and came back clean.

For more information, please contact District Manager Terry Kreher at 618-931-2856

Please share this information with all 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 Pontoon Beach PWD Water System ID # IL1195300 Distributed June 2, 2020



2019 Annual

Water Quality Report

Granite City District
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Source Water Information

Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems, hence, the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Mandatory treatment includes coagulation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. The Granite City Water Treatment Facility draws surface water for treatment from the Mississippi River. The Mississippi River is subject to a variety of influences including agricultural, municipal, and industrial activities. Farm chemicals may be seasonally elevated in the river. Extensive monitoring and treatment ensure high-quality water service regardless of variations in the source water.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has completed a source water assessment for the Granite City system and a copy is available upon request by calling Sam Saucier, Water Quality Supervisor, at 618-707-1913. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination determination; and documentation / recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://dataservices.epa.illinois.gov/swap/factsheet.aspx>.

The Granite City distribution system also has an interconnection with Illinois American Water's East St. Louis distribution system (PWSID 1635040). Water is routinely supplied to the Granite City distribution system through that connection.

How to Read the Data Tables

Illinois American Water conducts extensive monitoring to ensure that your water meets all water quality standards. The results of our monitoring are reported in the data tables. While most monitoring was conducted in 2019, certain substances are monitored less than once per year because the levels do not change frequently. For help with interpreting these tables, see the "Table Definitions" section and footnotes.

Table Definitions and Abbreviations

- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
- Compliance Achieved: Indicates that the levels found were all within the allowable levels as determined by the USEPA.
- Highest Level Detected: In most cases this column is the highest detected level unless compliance is calculated on a Running Annual Average or Locational Running Annual Average. If multiple entry points exist, the data from the entry point with the highest value is reported.
- Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
- 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.

- 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.
- MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): The highest level of a disinfectant routinely allowed in drinking water. Addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.
- mrem/year: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).
- NA: Not applicable.
- ND: Not detectable at testing limits.
- NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
- pCi/L (picocuries per liter): Measurement of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water (also beta particles).
- ppm (parts per million): One part substance per million parts water, or milligrams per liter.
- ppb (parts per billion): One part substance per billion parts water, or micrograms per liter.
- Range Of Detections: The range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest, that were collected during the sample period.
- Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

2019 Water Quality Information

We are pleased to report that during the past year, the water delivered to your home or business complied with, or was better than, all state and federal drinking water requirements.

For your information, we have compiled a table showing what substances were detected in your drinking water during 2019. Although all of the substances listed are under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), we feel it is important that you know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in your water.

Illinois American Water – Granite City Water Quality Results (without distribution system results)

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium ¹	2019	15	14.9 – 14.9	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Fluoride ²	2019	0.8	0.77 – 0.77	4	4.0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2019	4	3.53 – 3.53	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

¹ There is no state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

² Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends a fluoride level of 0.7 mg/L.

Turbidity	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Lowest Monthly % Meeting Limit	0.3 NTU	99.4%	No	Soil runoff.
Highest Single Measurement	1 NTU	0.41 NTU	No	Soil runoff.

³ Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system, water quality, and disinfectants. The treatment technique requires that at least 95% of routine samples are less than or equal to 0.3 NTU, and no sample exceeds 1 NTU. We are reporting the percentage of all readings meeting the standard of 0.3 NTU, plus the single highest reading for the year.

Total Organic Carbon	Year Sampled	Amount Detected (Average)	Range of Detections	Typical Source
The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA. TOC has no health effects but contributes to the formation of disinfection by-products. Reduction of TOC can help to minimize disinfection by-product formation.	2019	10.48	4.7 – 16	Naturally occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical; essential nutrient.
	2019	26.69	18 – 42	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR4)⁴

Substance (units)	Year Sampled	Amount Detected (Average)	Range of Detections	Typical Source
Manganese (ppb)	2019	10.48	4.7 – 16	Naturally occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical; essential nutrient.
Total Haloacetic Acids 9 – UCMR4 (ppb)	2019	26.69	18 – 42	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

⁴ Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for these substances has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language.

Note: The IEPA requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data in the table above, though accurate, may be more than one year old.

Granite City Violation Summary Table

We are happy to announce that no monitoring, reporting, treatment technique, maximum residual disinfectant level, or maximum contaminant level violations were recorded during 2019.

East St. Louis Water Quality Results

2019 Regulated Substances Detected

The Granite City distribution system also has an interconnection with Illinois American Water's East St. Louis distribution system (PWSID 1635040). Water is routinely supplied to the Granite City distribution system through that connection. The next several tables summarize contaminants detected in the East St. Louis drinking water supply.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride ¹	2019	0.7	0.71 – 0.72	4	4.0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2019	5	1.78 – 4.71	10	10	ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium ²	2019	21	18.7 – 21.2	N/A	N/A	ppm	No	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits: Used in water softener regeneration.

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Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha emitters excluding radon and uranium	2014	1.5	1.5 – 1.5	0	15	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Beta/Photon emitters ³	2014	4.4	4.4 – 4.4	0	4	mrem/yr	No	Erosion of natural deposits.

³ The MCL for Beta/Photon emitters is written as 4 millirem/year (measure of rate of radiation absorbed by the body). Laboratory results are reported in pCi/L as we have on the table above. EPA considers 50 pCi/L as the level of concern for beta emitters.

Turbidity ⁴	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Lowest Monthly % Meeting Limit	0.3 NTU	100%	No	Soil runoff.
Highest Single Measurement	1 NTU	0.31 NTU	No	Soil runoff.

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Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR4):

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR4):	Year Sampled	Amount Detected (Average)	Units	Range of Detections	Likely Source of Contamination
2-Methoxyethanol	2019	0.075	ppb	ND – 0.60	Used in a number of consumer products, such as synthetic cosmetics, perfumes, fragrances, hair preparations and skin lotions.
Manganese	2019	7.31	ppb	2.5 – 17	Naturally-occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical; essential nutrient.
Total Haloacetic Acids -9 UCMR4	2019	20.59	ppb	11 – 49	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

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Total Organic Carbon

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East St. Louis Violation Summary Table

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