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**W**e're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of 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 treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is the Roanoke River, and three (3) ground water wells. In emergency situations we purchase or exchange water with the Western Virginia Water Authority (WVWA) which is treated water from the Spring Hollow Reservoir, Carvins Cove and Crystal Springs.

The Virginia Department of Health has completed a source water assessment for our waterworks system. This assessment provides information on possible sources of contamination to our source water. As determined by the source water assessment, the possibility of contamination to our water source (Roanoke River) is high. This is due to the fact that surface water is exposed to an inconsistent array of contaminants at varying concentrations due to changing hydrologic, hydraulic and atmospheric conditions with land use activities of concern in the assessment area. To view a copy of this water assessment, please contact the City of Salem Water Department office at 540-375-3029.

Please remember that we need your help in the protection of this valuable water resource.

## WHAT'S NEW?

During the past year the Salem Water Department continued its ongoing monitoring of all source water locations for Cryptosporidium and Giardia lamblia (no.4, no.5). We constantly monitor for various constituents in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. Monitoring these sites in the distribution system helps us to better protect public health.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT?

This report shows our water quality and what it means.

If you have any questions concerning this report or your water utility, please contact **Frank Young – Environmental Compliance Inspector, Marcus Potts – Chemist, or Caleb Taylor – Assistant Director** of the Water and Sewer Department at 540-375-3029. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of the regularly



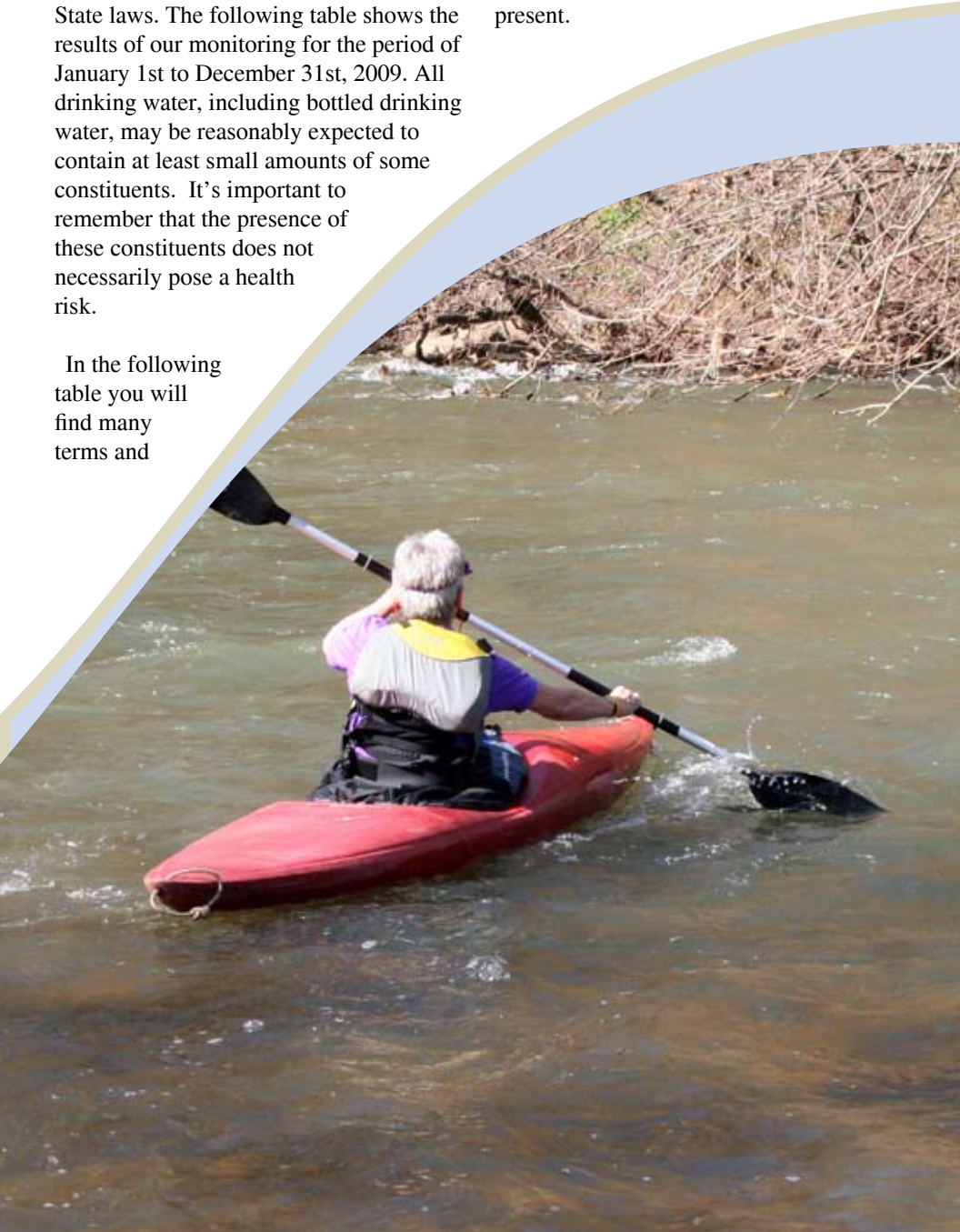
scheduled City Council meetings. They are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month in council chambers.

The City of Salem Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water mandated by Federal and State laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 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 the following 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.

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l)** - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**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.

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

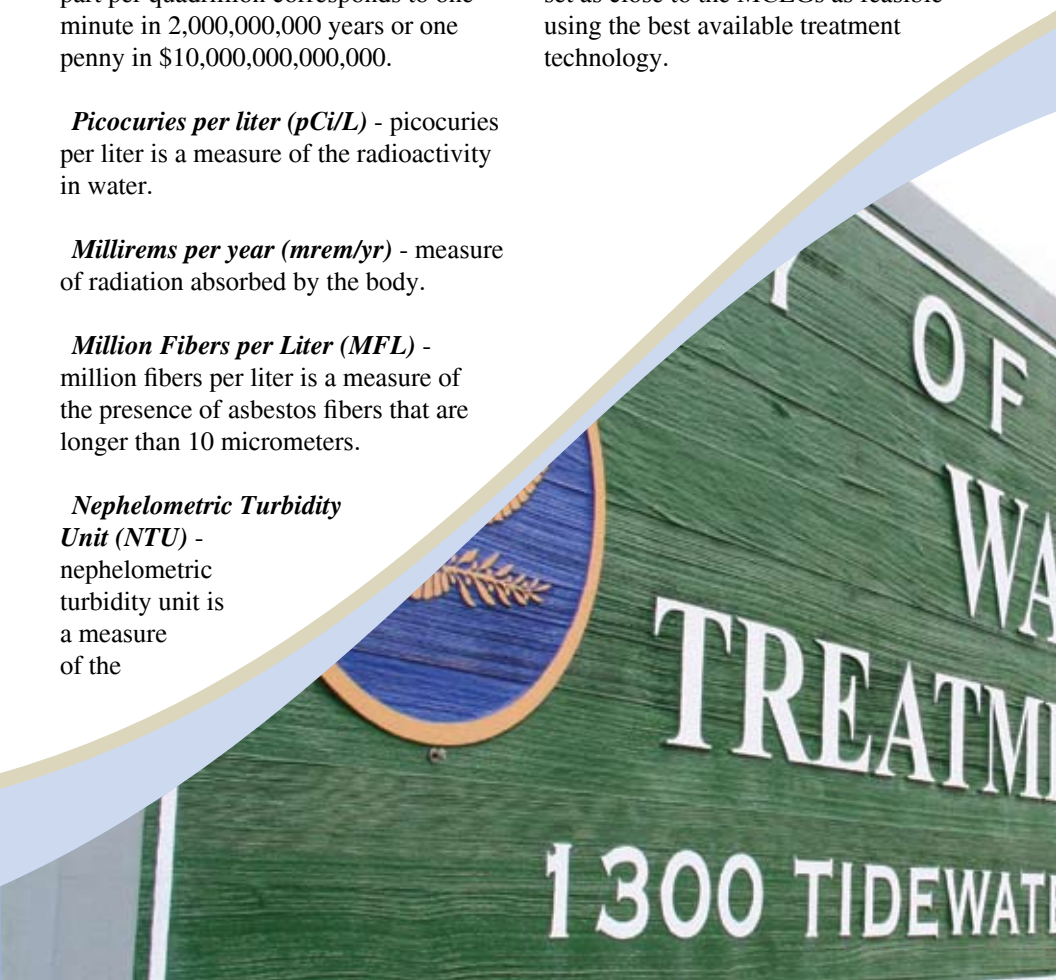
**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the

clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**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.

# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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 USEPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA



prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. (MCL's are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In developing the standards EPA assumes that the average adult drinks two (2) liters of water each day throughout a 70-year life span. The USEPA generally sets MCL's at levels that will result in no adverse health effects for some contaminants or a one-in-ten-thousand to one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect for other contaminants.) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same public health protection. This table lists contaminants that had some level of detection. Many other contaminants were analyzed for but were not present or were below the detection limits of the lab equipment. Most of the results in the table are from testing done in 2009. However, the state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the

concentrations of the contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though accurate, is more than one year old.

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. 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) or [www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/hotline/index.html).

To learn even more about your water after reviewing this report, please call our office at 540-375-3029 or visit the City's website at [www.ci.salem.va.us](http://www.ci.salem.va.us).

We at the City of Salem Water Department work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. 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.

If you have any questions concerning this report or your water utility, please contact.

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# 2009 TEST RESULTS

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

1. Total Coliform Bacteria	N	1 sample	P/A	0	presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
2. <i>Fecal coliform and E.coli</i>	N	0	P/A	0	a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive	Human and animal fecal waste
3. Turbidity	N	0.016-0.999 (0.026)	NTU	n/a	0.3	Soil runoff
4. Cryptosporidium	N	1-4	Oocysts per 10 liters	0	99% removal by filtration plus addition as required under the LT2ESWTR	Human and animal fecal waste <b>THIS IS UNTREATED WATER!!</b>
5. Giardia lamblia	N	1-7	Cysts per 10 liters	0	99.9% removal or inactivation	Human and animal fecal waste <b>THIS IS UNTREATED WATER!!!</b>

## Radioactive Contaminants (Most Recent Monitoring Period 2008)

6. Beta/photon emitters	N	2.2	mrem/yr	0	4	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
7. Alpha emitters	N	0.7	pCi/1	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
8. Combined radium	N	0.5	pCi/1	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

## Inorganic Contaminants

9. Antimony	N	< 2	ppb	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
10. Arsenic	N	< 2	ppb	n/a	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes

11. Aluminum	N	0.054 -0.108	ppm	0.05- 0.20	0.20	Metal used in electrical conductors, explosives, paints, photography, utensils
12. Barium	N	< 0.2	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Beryllium	N	< 2	ppb	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
14. Cadmium	N	< 2	ppb	5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
15. Chromium	N	< 10	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
16. Copper	N	0.007 – 0.378	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Cyanide	N	< 10	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
18. Chloride	N	13.9	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring in environment
19. Sulfate	N	44.7	ppm	n/a	250	Naturally occurring in environment
20. pH	N	7.5 – 8.0 (7.7)	pH units	n/a	6.6 – 8.5	Acidity or basicity of water
21. Total dissolved solids	N	224	ppm	n/a	500	Physical property of water
22. Iron	N	224	ppm	n/a	0.3	Naturally occurring in environment
23. Manganese	N	< 0.01	ppm	n/a	0.05	Naturally occurring in environment
24. Nickel	N	< 0.01	ppm	n/a	0.1	Naturally occurring in environment, Used in alloys, protective coatings
25. Zinc	N	< 0.2	ppm	n/a	5	Naturally occurring in environment, Used in alloys, batteries, fungicides

26. Color	N	<5CU	Color units	n/a	15	Physical property of water
27. Sodium	N	5.59-5.95	ppm	n/a	n/a	Naturally occurring in environment
28. Chlorine	N	0.87-1.79 (1.28)	ppm	4	4	Required disinfectant added during the treatment process to eliminate bacteria
29. Fluoride	N	0.62 – 1.23 (0.86)	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
30. Lead	N	1- 11	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
31. Mercury (inorganic)	N	< 0.2	ppb	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
32. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	0.34	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
33. Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	N	0.34	ppm	1	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
33. Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	N	0.34	ppm	1	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
34. Selenium	N	< 0.1	ppm	0.05	0.05	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
35. Thallium	N	< 2	ppb	0.5	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories
36. Hardness	n/a	140-300 (207)	ppm	n/a	n/a	Primary dissolved limestone minerals from soil and rock materials
37. Alkalinity	n/a	98-174 (140)	ppm	n/a	n/a	Primary dissolved limestone minerals from soil and rock materials

## Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

38. 2,4-D	N	< 0.5	ppb	70	70	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
39. 2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	N	< 0.5	ppb	50	50	Residue of banned herbicide
40. Carbaryl	N	< 2	ppb	0	700	A pesticide used on forest lands
41. Alachlor	N	< 0.1	ppb	0	2	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
42. Atrazine	N	< 0.5	ppb	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
43. Benzo(a)pyrene (PAH)	N	< 0.05	nanograms/l	0	200	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
44. Carbofuran	N	< 2	ppb	40	40	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
45. Chlordane	N	< 0.2	ppb	0	2	Residue of banned termiticide
46. Dalapon	N	< 2.5	ppb	200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
47. Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate	N	< 1	ppb	400	400	Discharge from chemical factories
48. Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	N	< 2	ppb	0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
49. Dibromochloropropane	N	< 20	nanograms/l	0	200	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and orchards
50. Dinoseb	N	< 0.5	ppb	7	7	Runoff from herbicide used on soybeans and vegetables
51. Diquat	N	< 5	ppb	20	20	Runoff from herbicide use
52. Methomyl	N	< 2	ppb	0	200	Broad spectrum insecticide
53. Aldicarb Sulfoxide	N	< 2	ppb	0	4	Runoff from insecticide use, applied directly to soil
54. Aldicarb Sulfone	N	< 2	ppb	0	2	Runoff from insecticide use, applied directly to soil
55. Aldicarb	N	< 2	ppb	0	3	Runoff from insecticide use, applied directly to soil

56. Ethylene dibromide	N	< 10	nanograms/1	0	50	Discharge from petroleum refineries
57. Dicamba	N	< 0.5	ppb	200	200	Runoff from herbicide use
58. Heptachlor	N	< 0.05	nanograms/1	0	400	Residue of banned termiticide
59. Heptachlor epoxide	N	< 0.05	nanograms/1	0	200	Breakdown of heptachlor
60. Hexachlorobenzene	N	< 0.1	ppb	0	1	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
61. Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	N	< 0.5	ppb	50	50	Discharge from chemical factories
62. Lindane	N	< 0.1	nanograms/l	200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, gardens
63. Methoxychlor	N	< 0.1	ppb	40	40	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, livestock
64. Oxamyl [Vydate]	N	< 2	ppb	200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes
65. PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls]	N	< 0.2	nanograms/1	0	500	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste chemicals
66. Pentachlorophenol	N	< 0.05	ppb	0	1	Discharge from wood preserving factories
67. Picloram	N	< 0.5	ppb	500	500	Herbicide runoff
68. Simazine	N	< 0.5	ppb	4	4	Herbicide runoff
69. Toxaphene	N	< 1	ppb	0	3	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle

### Volatile Organic Contaminants

70. Benzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
71. Carbon tetrachloride	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
72. Chlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	100	100	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
73. o-Dichlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	600	600	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
74. p-Dichlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	75	75	Discharge from industrial chemical factories

75. 1,2 - Dichloroethane	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
76. 1,1 - Dichloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	7	7	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
77. cis-1,2- Dichloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	70	70	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
78. trans - 1,2 -Dichloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	100	100	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
79. Dichloromethane	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
80. 1,2-Dichloropropane	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
81. Ethylbenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	700	700	Discharge from petroleum refineries
82. Styrene	N	< 0.5	ppb	100	100	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
83. Tetrachloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories and dry cleaners
84. 1,2,4 -Trichlorobenzene	N	< 0.5	ppb	70	70	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
85. 1,1,1 - Trichloroethane	N	< 0.5	ppb	200	200	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
86. 1,1,2 -Trichloroethane	N	< 0.5	ppb	3	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
87. Trichloroethylene	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	5	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
88. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	6.4 – 63 (27)	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
89. HAA5 [Haloacetic acids]	N	4.4 – 55 (22)	ppb	n/a	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
90. Toluene	N	< 0.5	ppm	1	1	Discharge from petroleum factories
91. Vinyl Chloride	N	< 0.5	ppb	0	2	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastics factories
92. Xylenes	N	< 0.5	ppm	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories

### **Microbiological Contaminants:**

(1) Total Coliform. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

(2) Fecal coliform/E.Coli. Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

(3) Turbidity. 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.

(4) Cryptosporidium. Pathogenic protozoa that is widely distributed in nonpotable water supplies. This organism can cause gastrointestinal illness (e.g. diarrhea, vomiting, cramps).

(5) Giardia lamblia. Pathogenic protozoa that is widely distributed in nonpotable water supplies. This organism can cause gastrointestinal illness (e.g. diarrhea, vomiting, cramps).

### **Radioactive Contaminants:**

(6) Beta/photon emitters. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

(7) Alpha emitters. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation.

Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

(8) Combined Radium 226/228. Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### **Inorganic Contaminants:**

(9) Antimony. Some people who drink water containing antimony well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience increases in blood cholesterol and decreases in blood sugar.

(10) Arsenic. 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.

(11) Aluminum. People at risk for health problems include dialysis patients. Symptoms of chronic aluminum exposure include softening of the bones and brain dysfunction.

(12) Barium. Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

(13) Beryllium. Some people who drink water containing beryllium well in excess of the MCL over many years could develop intestinal lesions.

(14) Cadmium. Some people who drink water containing cadmium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience kidney damage.

(15) Chromium. Some people who use water containing chromium well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience allergic dermatitis.

(16) Copper. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level





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years could suffer liver  
or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease  
should consult their personal doctor.

**(17) Cyanide.** Some people who drink water  
containing cyanide well in excess of the MCL over  
many years could experience nerve damage or  
problems with their thyroid.

**(18) Chloride.** Chlorides are not usually not harmful  
to people, however they can corrode metals and  
effect the taste of food products.

**(19) Sulfate.** Health concerns regarding sulfate in  
drinking water have been raised because of reports  
that diarrhea may be associated with the ingestion  
of water containing high levels of sulfate.

**(20) pH.** The U.S. E.P.A. does not regulate pH levels  
in drinking water, it is classified as a secondary  
water contaminant whose impact is considered  
aesthetic.

**(21) Total dissolved solids.** Total dissolved solids  
can give water a murky appearance and detract  
from the taste quality of the water.

**(22) Iron.** Elevated iron levels in water can cause  
stains in plumbing, laundry, and cooking utensils,  
and can impart objectionable tastes and colors to  
food.

**(23) Manganese.** Elevated manganese levels in  
water can cause stains in plumbing, laundry, and  
cooking utensils. Upon exposure to air or other  
oxidants, manganese will usually precipitate black.

**(24) Nickel.** Nickel is not known to cause any health  
problems when people are exposed to levels above  
the MCL for relatively short periods of time

**(25) Zinc.** Harmful effects generally begin at levels  
10-15 times higher than the amount needed for

good  
health.

Large doses taken  
by mouth even for a short time

can cause stomach cramps, nausea, and vomiting.  
**(26) Color.** Color in drinking water is classified as  
a secondary water contaminant whose impact is  
considered aesthetic.

**(27) Sodium.** An essential element required for  
normal body function including nerve impulse  
transmission, fluid regulation, and muscle  
contraction and relaxation. However, in excess  
amounts, sodium increases individual risk of  
hypertension, heart disease, and stroke. One of  
the chief sources of sodium is the consumption of salt;  
therefore salt restrictions are often recommended  
as a first-line of treatment for individuals suffering  
from these conditions.

**(28) Chlorine.** Some people who use drinking water  
containing chlorine well in excess of EPA's standard  
could experience irritating effects to their eyes and  
nose and stomach discomfort.

**(29) Fluoride.** Some people who drink water  
containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many  
years could get bone disease, including pain and  
tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled  
teeth.

**(30) Lead.** Infants and children who drink water  
containing lead in excess of the action level could  
experience delays in their physical or mental  
development. Children could show slight deficits  
in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who  
drink this water over many years could develop  
kidney problems or high blood pressure. 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. The City of Salem Water Department 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 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your tested. Information on lead in drinking, 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>.

**(31) Mercury (inorganic).** Some people who drink water containing inorganic mercury well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience kidney damage.

**(32) Nitrate.** Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.

**(33) Nitrite.** Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrite in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.

**(34) Selenium.** Selenium is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water containing selenium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair or fingernail losses, numbness in fingers or toes, or problems with their circulation.

**(35) Thallium.** Some people who drink water containing thallium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair loss, changes in their blood, or problems with their kidneys, intestines, or liver.

**(36) Hardness.** Hardness does not pose a health risk and is not regulated by state or federal agencies. It often causes aesthetic problems, such as scaling on pipes and fixture; lowers detergent performance.

**(37) Alkalinity.** High alkalinity does not pose a health risk, but can cause aesthetic problems.

Synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides:

**(38) 2,4-D.** Some people who drink water containing the weed killer 2,4-D well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys, liver, or adrenal glands.

**(39) 2,4,5-TP (Silvex).** Some people who drink water containing silvex in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver problems.

**(40) Carbaryl.** Carbaryl may reduce learning ability and aggravate viral diseases.

**(41) Alachlor.** Some people who drink water containing alachlor in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their eyes, liver, kidneys, or spleen, or experience anemia, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(42) Atrazine.** Some people who drink water containing atrazine well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their cardiovascular system or reproductive difficulties.

**(43) Benzo(a)pyrene [PAH].** Some people who drink water containing benzo(a)pyrene in excess of the MCL over many years may experience reproductive difficulties and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(44) Carbofuran.** Some people who drink water containing carbofuran in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their blood, or nervous or reproductive systems.

**(45) Chlordane.** Some people who drink water containing chlordane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(46) Dalapon.** Some people who drink water containing dalapon well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience minor kidney changes.

**(47) Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate.** Some people who drink water containing di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience general toxic effects or reproductive difficulties.

**(48) Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate.** Some people who drink water containing di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate in excess of the MCL over many years may have problems with their liver, or experience reproductive difficulties, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.



**(49) Dibromochloropropane (DBCP).** Some people who drink water containing DBCP in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(50) Dinoseb.** Some people who drink water containing dinoseb well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties.

**(51) Diquat.** Some people who drink water containing diquat in excess of the MCL over many years could get cataracts.

**(52) Methomyl.** Repeated exposure to methomyl may cause an unsuspected inhibition of cholinesterase, resulting in flu-like symptoms, such as weakness, lack of appetite, and muscle aches.

**(53) Aldicarb Sulfoxide.** The primary route of human exposure to aldicarb sulfoxide is consumption of food and of contaminated water especially wells. There may be adverse immune system effects associated with long term ingestion of aldicarb sulfoxide.

**(54) Aldicarb Sulfone.** The primary route of human exposure to aldicarb sulfone is consumption of food and of contaminated water especially wells. There may be adverse immune system effects associated with long term ingestion of aldicarb sulfone.

**(55) Aldicarb.** The primary route of human exposure to aldicarb is

consumption of food and of contaminated water especially wells. There may be adverse immune system effects associated with long term ingestion of aldicarb.

**(56) Ethylene dibromide.** Some people who drink water containing ethylene dibromide in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, stomach, reproductive system, or kidneys, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(57) Dicamba.** Chronic exposure to dicamba can lead to the lost of appetite, vomiting, shortness of breath, and bluing of the skin and gums.



**(58) Heptachlor.** Some people who drink water containing heptachlor in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver damage and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(59) Heptachlor epoxide.** Some people who drink water containing heptachlor epoxide in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver damage, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(60) Hexachlorobenzene.** Some people who drink water containing hexachlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys, or adverse reproductive effects, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(61) Hexachlorocyclopentadiene.** Some people who drink water containing hexachlorocyclopentadiene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys or stomach.

**(62) Lindane.** Some people who drink water containing lindane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys or liver.

**(63) Methoxychlor.** Some people who drink water containing methoxychlor in excess of the MCL over many years could experience reproductive difficulties.

**(64) Oxamyl [Vydate].** Some people who drink water containing oxamyl in excess of the MCL over many years could experience slight

nervous system effects.

**(65) PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls].** Some people who drink water containing PCBs in excess of the MCL over many years could experience changes in their skin, problems with their thymus gland, immune deficiencies, or reproductive or nervous system difficulties, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(66) Pentachlorophenol.** Some people who drink water containing pentachlorophenol in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(67) Picloram.** Some people who drink water containing picloram in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

**(68) Simazine.** Some people who drink water containing simazine in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their blood.

**(69) Toxaphene.** Some people who drink water containing toxaphene in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their kidneys, liver, or thyroid, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

## ***Volatile Organic Contaminants:***

**(69) Benzene.** Some people who drink water containing benzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience anemia or a decrease in blood platelets, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(70) Carbon Tetrachloride.** Some people who drink water containing carbon tetrachloride in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(71) Chlorobenzene.** Some people who drink water containing chlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys.

**(72) o-Dichlorobenzene.** Some people who drink water containing



o-dichlorobenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or circulatory systems.

**(73)** p-Dichlorobenzene. Some people who drink water containing p-dichlorobenzene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience anemia, damage to their liver, kidneys, or spleen, or changes in their blood.

**(74)** 1,2-Dichloroethane. Some people who drink water containing 1,2-dichloroethane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(75)** 1,1-Dichloroethylene. Some people who drink water containing 1,1-dichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

**(76)** cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene. Some people who drink water containing cis-1,2-dichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

**(77)** trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene. Some people who drink water containing trans-1,2-dichloroethylene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver.

**(78)** Dichloromethane. Some people who drink water containing dichloromethane in excess of the MCL over many years could have liver problems and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(79)** 1,2-Dichloropropane. Some people who drink water containing 1,2-dichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(80)** Ethylbenzene. Some people who drink water containing ethylbenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver or kidneys.

**(81)** Styrene. Some people who drink water containing styrene well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, kidneys, or circulatory system.

**(82)** Tetrachloroethylene. Some people who drink water containing tetrachloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(83)** 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene. Some people who drink water containing 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience changes in their adrenal glands.

**(84)** 1,1,1,-Trichloroethane. Some people who drink water containing 1,1,1-trichloroethane in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, nervous system, or circulatory system.

**(85)** 1,1,2-Trichloroethane. Some people who drink water containing 1,1,2-trichloroethane well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their liver, kidneys, or immune systems.

**(86)** Trichloroethylene. Some people who drink water containing trichloroethylene in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(87)** TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(88)** HAA5s [Haloacetic acids]. Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(89)** Toluene. Some people who drink water containing toluene well in excess of the MCL over many years could have problems with their nervous system, kidneys, or liver.

**(90)** Vinyl Chloride. Some people who drink water containing vinyl chloride in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**(91)** Xylenes. Some people who drink water containing xylenes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience damage to their nervous system.



