

Plum Borough Municipal Authority

2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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2018 Consumer Confidence Report

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Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua de beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. (This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak to someone who understands it.)

The Plum Borough Municipal Authority (PBMA) is pleased to present its 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to our customers every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

The Plum Borough Municipal Authority is pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Bill Lang, Certified Operator or J. Howard Theis, Manager at (412)793-7331 between 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, you may attend the PBMA Board of Directors meetings held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Authority Building located at 4555 New Texas Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239.

If you have questions or comments concerning the information presented in this report or other aspects of the PBMA operations, please contact the PBMA administrative office at (412) 793-7331. You may also visit our web site at www.plumboroughma.com

QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Plum Borough Municipal Authority routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table on the next page shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2018. 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.**

The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County changes their disinfection process from Chlorine to Chloramines during the months of May thru October.

BACKFLOW/CROSS CONNECTION PROGRAM

Plum Borough Municipal Authority continues in our efforts of staying in compliance with the "Safe Drinking Water Act" by monitoring locations posing the greatest degree of hazard to our water system by enforcing our "Backflow/Cross Connection Program". These locations are classified as newly constructed, major renovated, commercial & industrial consumers or consumers classified as potential polluters. Consumers must have their backflow systems inspected annually by a certified plumber and submit a certified report to the Authority. If you desire additional information about the Backflow/Cross Connection Program, please contact our office at 412-793-7331.

UPGRADE OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The Plum Borough Municipal Authority currently is evaluating its distribution system for future upgrades. We have been actively working with the Turnpike Commission for several water line relocation projects due to the Turnpike's widening project.

Required Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) statement Addressing Lead in Drinking Water

"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. MAWC 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>."

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

AVAILABILITY OF MONITORING DATA FOR UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

FOR PLUM BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.

Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by EPA.

The purpose of monitoring for these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that this data is available.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION NEWS

As part of the requirements of the Public Notification Rule Promulgated in 2009, Plum Borough Municipal Authority now has the Spitfire notification system. This system will be administered by the Authority. This will enable PBMA to get in contact with our customers in case the need presents itself (i.e. Tier 1 violations, health warning, areas of flushing, water conservation orders, etc.) in the quickest and most efficient way. The Authority encourages you to please provide our office with any changes to your emergency contact telephone numbers.

PLANNED AUTHORITY UPGRADES

During 2018 the Authority completed the waterline replacement project along Saltsburg Road near the Turnpike Bridge crossing, approximately 1,750 feet of waterline was relocated. Additionally, we are also in the design stage for replacing another 1,000 feet of waterline along Millers Lane and Center Road due to the Turnpike widening project. The Authority's work force replaced approximately 800 feet of waterline along Keith & Kaelin Drives and Clements Road last year. Additionally, the Authority is looking to replace waterlines in several other areas of the Borough. Entrance Dr., Las Vegas Dr. Maple Street, Leechburg Road, New Texas Road and Saltsburg Road are just some of the waterline replacement projects we are investigating. However, no scheduled dates for construction have been set. The Authority will be contracting to have the Mariah water storage tank repainted in 2019. Bids were opened in June of 2018, the low bid of \$451,180.00 was submitted by R&M Sandblasting. Due to the extreme amount of rain we experienced in 2018 the painting project was put on hold until 2019. During 2018 the Authority purchased its own Global Positioning System (GPS) Equipment. Over the next several years our Employees will be collecting field data so that it can be plotted on the Authority's system mapping.

In 2017 the Authority went live with its new third-party billing remitter, Payment Services Network (PSN). There are a number of different options available to you; however, there are convenience fees associated with this service that are in addition to the Authority charges. You can access your payment options through our web-site @ www.plumboroughma.com. The Authority also offers an ACH (Automatic debits) option for your convenience. By selecting this option you would never have to write out another check again and your bill will never be late. You would receive a statement at the beginning of each month. It will have printed in red **DO NOT PAY**. On the due date (third Tuesday of each month), the funds will be automatically withdrawn from your account. There are no additional charges related to this option.

You have our promise that we will continue to strive to protect your sensitive information. You also have our commitment that we will continue to explore cost saving measures to improve our services to you, our valued customers, while protecting you, your family members and the environment. It is always our intent to continue to provide you with a safe, reliable product and services at the lowest possible price.

SOURCE OF WATER

During the entire 2018 calendar year, the PBMA purchased finished drinking water from the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC). Information regarding MAWC water quality may be accessed by visiting www.mawc.org/ccr.

The finished water that is provided by MAWC is obtained from the Beaver Run Reservoir. The MAWC raw water sources are potentially most susceptible to accidental spills along major transportation corridors, release of raw and/or under treated sewage, and storm water runoff from developed and/or agricultural areas. Also, Beaver Run is potentially susceptible to the cumulative release of petroleum products from nearby tank farms.

HEALTH INFORMATION:

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. 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 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:

- Microbiological 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 & gas production, mining and 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 & gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that your tap water is safe to drink, the US EPA and the PADEP have established regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Information about contaminants and potential health effects of chemicals detected in our drinking water are listed in this report. Further information can be obtained by calling the US EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or on the US EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

NOTICE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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/Centers for Disease Control (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), or the EPA website <https://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County - Service from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

				Beaver Run System				
Detected Contaminants				Date Tested	Detected Level	Range	Major Sources	Violation
Contaminant	Unit	MCL	MCLG					
Inorganic Chemicals								
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	2018	0.69	(a)	Runoff from fertilizer use; NO Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Errosion of natural deposits.	
Nitrate	ppm	1	0	2018	ND			
Barium	ppm	2	2	2018	0.033		Mine discharge; drilling waste; copper smelting.	NO
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	2018	0.111		Naturally occuring; aluminum and fertilizer factory discharge.	NO
Mercury	ppm	2		2018	ND		Erosion, runoff from landfill/crop lands.	NO
Other inorganics (See List Below)				2018	ND			NO
Total Chlorine Residual								
Entry Point	ppm	0.2	MinRDL	2018	0.9	0.9-2.6	Added by the Water Treatment Plant for disinfection.	NO
Distribution (RAA)	ppm	4.0	MRDL	2018	3.6	0.19-3.6		NO
Organic Chemicals								
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	80	0	2018	49.7	26.1-64.7	By-product of drinking water chlorination	NO
Halo Acetic Acids 5	ppb	60	0	2018	40.4	14.1-48.8	By-product of drinking water chlorination	NO
Other VOCs (See List Below)				2018	ND			NO
Treatment Technique (TT)								
Turbidity	NTU	0.3	0	2018	0.11	(c)	Soil runoff	NO
Bacteria		>5.0%		2018	A	0.20%		NO
LT2 (Cryptosporidium)	Source Water			2018	ND		Animal feces	NO
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)					range	range	Natural decaying matter	
					required	achieved		
	ppm	TT		2018	35%	12.7-24.4 (h)		
Radioactive								
Gross Alpha particles	pCi/L	15		2014	3.0		Decay of natural and man-made deposits	NO
Radium - 226	pCi/L	5		2014	1.0			NO
Radium - 228	pCi/L	5		2014	0.9			NO
Total Uranium	ug/l	30		2011	0.0			NO
DBP/Organics								
NDMA	ppm	NA	NA	2009	0.0022	(a)	Chloramine by-product	NO
Radium - 226	pCi/L	5		2014	1.0			NO
Radium - 228	pCi/L	5		2014	0.9			NO
Total Uranium	ug/l	30		2011	0.0			NO
DBP/Organics								
NDMA	ppm	NA	NA	2009	0.0022	(a)	Chloramine by-product	NO

WATER QUALITY TABLE FOOTNOTES: (a) Only one sample was required per monitoring period. (c) 100% of samples in compliance (h) Did not meet the alternative compliance criteria required by the SDWA.

DEFINITIONS/TERMS:

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

Locational Running Average (LRAA) - The average, computed quarterly, of all results taken at a monitoring location during the most recent four quarters.

Maximum Contaminant Level (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 (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set to allow for an additional margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - 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 Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (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 contamination.

Million Fiber Per Liter (MFL) - Measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr) - A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Minimum Reporting Level (MRL) - For unregulated contaminant sampling. The minimum limit of a chemical required to be reported to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The data collected from the UCMR 3 analyses are used in assessment monitoring and may contribute to determining future regulations that will set limits on the amount of the listed UCMR 3 chemicals in the future. The MRL is not a regulatory level and is only a reporting requirement at this time.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units, a regulatory measure of water clarity.

pCi/L (AL) - picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

ppb - parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/L).

ppm - parts per million, or milligrams per liter. (mg/L).

Total Organic Carbon (TOC) - The measure of the carbon content of organic matter. The measure provides an indicator of the concentration of organic matter in the water which could react with disinfection chemicals to form THMs or HAAs.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) - A group of chemicals called "disinfection Byproducts" (DBPs) that form when natural organic matter in the river such as leaves and algae decompose and combine chemically with the chlorine added for disinfection process.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process performed during water treatment intended to reduce the level of a certain contaminant or intermediate chemical.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 3 (UCMR 3) - The UCMR 3 provides the EPA and other interested parties with scientifically valid data on the occurrence of contaminants in drinking water. These data serve as a primary source of occurrence and exposure information that the agency uses to develop regulatory decisions. Unregulated contaminants are those that do not yet have a drinking water standard set by the EPA. The UCMR specifically uses both assessment monitoring of chemicals and screening surveys of hormones. You can learn more about UCMR 3 by accessing <http://water.epa.gov/1awsteg/rulesregs/dwa/ucmr3/> or contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791. Further, our water system has sampled for specific chemicals that may have not been specifically listed in our water quality report. As our customer, you have a right to know that these data are available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact our office at (412) 793-7331.

Chemical Contaminants - Plum Borough Municipal Authority PWSID 5020041

Contaminant	MCL in CCR Units	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation YES/NO	Source(s) of Contamination
Chlorine	MRDL=4	MRDLG=4	2.57	0.14-2.57	ppm	2018	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
HAA5s	60	NA	34	16-52	ppb	2018	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHMs	80	NA	46	27-64	ppb	2018	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Fluoride	4	4	0.111	(f-g)	ppm	2018	NO	Water additive which promotes strong teeth

Microbial Contaminants - 36 routine samples per month, 1 out of 450 samples tested positive

Contaminant	MCL in CCR Units	MCLG	Highest Percent of Positive Samples	Range of Detections	Sample Date	Violation YES/NO	Source(s) of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	5% of monthly samples are positive	0	2.6% Highest % of positive samples per month	0-2.6%	2018	NO	Naturally present in the environment

Lead and Copper (Number of customer taps tested above Lead and/or Copper Action Level = 0 out of 64) (2016 Results)

Contaminant	Action Level (AL)	Ideal Goal MCLG	90th Percentile Value		Units	Sample Date	Violation YES/NO	Source(s) of Contamination
Lead (H)	15	0	2	6.2	ppb	2016	NO	Corrosion of Household Plumbing
Copper (h)	1.3	1.3	0.048	0.105	ppm	2016	NO	Corrosion of Household Plumbing

The Plum Borough Municipal Authority had a Tier 3 violation for failure to comply with lead and copper testing. 2019 Lead and Copper testing will begin 6-03-19.

(f) Meadowbrook Pump Station
(g) Hankey Tank

(h) Results are invalid for 2017
(i) Latest results for 2016