

Water Quality Report

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2004 Water Quality Report for the Wayne County Airport Authority

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport

The Airport Authority wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety. The Airport Authority is proud of the fine drinking water it supplies and we are honored to bring this report to you. Last year as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State drinking water health standards. This 2004 Water Quality Report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information regarding water and health. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the EPA and the State of Michigan DEQ. To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that 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 800-426-4791**. The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it 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 that 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 that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organics that 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 that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

"Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is 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.**"

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale from very low to high based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

If you would like to know more about this report, please visit the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's website at **www.dwsd.org** or contact May Lynn Semegen at 313-935-7106, semegen@dwds.org.

		Key to Detected Contaminants Tables
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
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.
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 contaminants.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	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.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
n/a	Not applicable	
2	More than or equal to	

WATER SAVING TIPS

- Toilet leaks are the most common reason for water loss in a household. To determine if you have a leak, drop a little food coloring into the tank; DO NOT FLUSH. Wait for about 10-30 minutes, if the food coloring appears in the toilet bowl, you have a silent water leak.
- An automatic dishwasher uses approximately between 9-12 gallons of water; washing dishes by hand can use as much as 20 gallons.

PROTECTING OUR SOURCE WATER

- Keep fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides off of paved surfaces and out of drainage paths. When choosing a fertilizer, select a slow-release formula, one with a low phosphorous concentration.
- Clean and repair vehicles ONLY in areas where spilled chemicals cannot flow toward storm drains.
- Have your septic tank inspected if it shows signs of failure such as lush grass around the drain field and unpleasant odors.

About Our Water System...

The 2004 Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests and contains important information about water health.

The Wayne County Airport Authority and/or the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason for concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

The Wayne County Airport Authority, along with the majority of the surrounding communities, purchases water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). The Detroit Water Department provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 Michigan communities. The system uses water drawn from two intakes in the Detroit River, one to the north near the mouth of Lake St. Clair and the one to the south near Lake Erie. The water is directed to four large water treatment plants for processing. A fifth water treatment plant located in St. Clair County uses surface water from Lake Huron.

How Our Water Becomes Safe To Drink?

The treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The treatment process begins with disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, a chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from interior plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains.

In addition to a carefully controlled and monitored treatment process, the water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment and throughout the distribution system. Hundreds of samples are tested each week in certified laboratories by highly qualified, trained staff. Detroit water not only meets safety and health standards but also ranks among the top 10 in the country for quality and value.

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Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2004 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

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Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chem	nicals – Ann	ual Mon	itoring at l	Plant Finishe	d Water Tap)		
Fluoride	8/17/2004	ppm	4	4	0.9	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Disinfectant Re	siduals and	Disinfed	ction By-P	roducts - Mo	nitoring in	Distribution :	System	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2004	ppb	n/a	80	22.7	9.4-38.2	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2004	ppb	n/a	60	16.7	4.7-37.4	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant (chlorine) Residual (ppm)	Jan-Dec 2004	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.67	0.55-0.79	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	yes/no	
0.23 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff

2004 Microbiol	ogical Cor	ntaminants – Monthly Monitoring i	n Distribution System	1	
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation Yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month	No	Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli or fecal coliform bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year	No	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2002	ppb	0	15	3ppb	-0-	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2002	ppb	1.3	1.3	49ppb	-0-	No	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Conataminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	actual TOC removal	and the TOC remo	oval requirements. The	s the ratio between the e TOC was measured ment for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

2004 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5	Erosion of natural deposits

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Disinfectant (chlorine) Residual (ppm)	Jan-Dec 2004	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.71	0.62-0.75	No	Water additive used to control microbes

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