

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Brielle Water Department

For the Year 2014, results from the Year 2013

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality 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 are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state safety requirements.**

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).

The Brielle Water Department and the New Jersey Water Supply Authority - Manasquan Reservoir Water Supply System routinely monitor for over 80 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables list only detected contaminants, and show the results of our monitoring from January 1st to December 31st, 2013.

Brielle Water Department Test Results PWS ID # NJ1308001						
Contaminant:	Viola- tion Y/N	Level Detected	Units of Meas- urem- ent	MC LG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants:						
Gross Alpha Test results Yr. 2012	N	Range = ND – 2.6 Highest Detect = 2.6	pCi/1	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium 228 & 226 Test results Yr. 2012	N	Range = 1.3 – 3.1 Highest Detect = 3.1	pCi/1	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants:						
Copper Test results Yr. 2011 Result at 90 th Percentile	N	0.2 No samples exceed the action level	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead Test results Yr. 2011 Result at 90 th Percentile	N	< 1 No samples exceed the action level.	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) Test results Yr. 2013	N	Range = ND – 0.3 Highest Detect = 0.3	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection Byproducts Stage-I						
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes Test Results Yr. 2013	N	Range = 9 - 52 Running Annual Average = 25	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids Test Results Yr. 2013	N	Range = 11 - 24 Running Annual Average = 19	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfection Byproducts Stage II:						
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes Test Results Yr. 2013	N	10	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids Test Results Yr. 2013	N	9	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Regulated Disinfectants		Level Detected	MRDL		MRDLG	
Chlorine		Average = 0.6 ppm	4.0 ppm		4.0 ppm	

A new Disinfection Byproduct Rule called Stage II took effect for this system in 2013. The first compliance calculations for this system will be available after the third quarter of 2014 once a full year of monitoring has been completed. After the third quarter of 2013, Stage I was phased out. Stage II HAA5 and TTHM compliance is based on the locational running annual average (LRAA) calculated at each monitoring location. The LRAA for Stage II HAA5s and TTHMs is not included in this report since Stage II monitoring began in the fourth quarter of 2013, so there was only results for one quarter of 2013 and the LRAA calculation is based on four completed quarters of results.

We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. As you can see by the tables, our system had no violations. The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

Our water source: We have two sources of drinking water: our wells and the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Manasquan Reservoir Water Supply System. One well draws water from the Kirkwood Aquifer and the other two draw their water from the Englishtown Aquifer. The Manasquan Water Treatment Plant, located on Hospital Road in the, Allenwood section of Wall Township, is owned by the Monmouth County Improvement Authority and is operated by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. The Manasquan Water Treatment Plant takes its water from the Manasquan River in Wall Township and the Manasquan Reservoir in Howell Township.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has completed and issued the Source Water Assessment Report and Summary for this public water system, which is available at WWW.state.nj.us/dep/swap or by contacting NJDEP's Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at (609) 292-5550. You may also contact your public water system to obtain information regarding your water system's Source Water Assessment. Brielle Water Department's and the Manasquan Water Supply System's source water susceptibility ratings and a list of potential contaminant sources is included.

Potential sources of contamination: 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 byproducts 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.

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. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Definitions:

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.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

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.

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

Total Organic Carbon - Total Organic Carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. The *Treatment Technique* for TOC requires that 35% - 45% of the TOC in the raw water is removed through a treatment processes.

Turbidity - Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity is measured as an indication of the effectiveness of the filtration process. The *Treatment Technique* for turbidity requires that no individual sample exceeds 1 NTU and 95% of the samples collected during the month must be less than 0.3 NTU.

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

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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (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 (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

Waivers: The Safe Drinking Water Act regulations allow monitoring waivers to reduce or eliminate the monitoring requirements for asbestos, volatile organic chemicals and synthetic organic chemicals. Our systems received monitoring waivers for asbestos and synthetic organic chemicals. The Manasquan Water Supply System received a monitoring waiver for synthetic organic contaminants.

Lead: 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 Brielle Water Department and the New Jersey Water Supply Authority, Manasquan Reservoir Water Supply System are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but can not 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 and 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>.

For additional information: If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please call 732-528-5210. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Borough Council meetings at Borough Hall, 601 Union Lane. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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. Please call our office if you have questions.

Manasquan Water Supply 2013 Test Results						
PWSID # NJ1352005						
Contaminant	Violati on Y/N	Level Detected	Units of Measure- ment	MC LG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants:						
Turbidity	N	Range = 0.01 – 0.17 99.95% < 0.3 NTU	NTU	N/A	TT 95% of monthly samples < 0.3 NTU	Soil runoff
Total Organ Carbon (TOC)	N	Range = 26.3 – 67.9 Avg. Removal = 42%	%	N/A	TT 35% - 50% removal	Soil runoff
Radioactive Contaminants:						
Gross Alpha Test results Yr. 2011	N	Range = 0.5 – 1.25 Average = 0.96	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium- 228 Test results Yr. 2011	N	Range = ND – 0.18 Average = < 1	pCi/l	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants:						
Barium	N	0.032	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	N	0.16	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	0.14	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfection Byproducts:						
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes	N	Range = 6 - 26 Highest Average = 26 (LRAA)	ppb	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids	N	Range = 10 - 19 Highest Average = 19 (LRAA)	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Regulated Disinfectants		Level Detected		MRDL		MRDLG
Chlorine		Range = 0.73 – 2.0 ppm Average = 1.3 ppm		4.0 ppm		4.0 ppm

HAA5 and TTHM compliance is based on a Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA), calculated at each monitoring location. The LRAA calculation is based on four completed quarters of monitoring results.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Cryptosporidium is usually removed through the filtration process and inactivated by other treatment processes such as ozonation. In order to check for the presence of Cryptosporidium, the USEPA issued the Long Term Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule in January 2006. As part of this rule, the Manasquan System began monthly sampling and testing for Cryptosporidium in April 2008 and this testing continued through its completion in March 2010. The sample results did not show any presence of Cryptosporidium.

We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. In the 4th quarter of the year 2013 we failed to collect the correct number of samples for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMS) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5s). We were required to collect two samples, but only collected one. In the year 2013 this was a new requirement and we inadvertently missed taking the correct number of samples. The result from the one sample is reflected in the “Brielle Water Department Test Results Table” on the first page of this report. We did collect the correct number of samples in the 1st quarter of 2014 and those sample results were in compliance.

Trihalomethanes & Haloacetic Acids are byproducts of drinking water disinfection / chlorination. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes and 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.

Brielle Water Department-PWSID # NJ1308001

Brielle Water Department is a public community water system consisting of 3 wells and 1 purchased surface water source.

This system's source water comes from the following aquifers: Atlantic City "800-foot" Sand Aquifer System, Englishtown Aquifer System

This system purchases water from the following water system: NJ Water Supply – Manasquan System

Susceptibility Ratings for Brielle Water Department Sources

The table below illustrates the susceptibility ratings for the seven contaminant categories (and radon) for each source in the system. The table provides the number of wells and intakes that rated high (H), medium (M), or low (L) for each contaminant category. For susceptibility ratings of purchased water, refer to the specific water system's source water assessment report.

The seven contaminant categories are defined at the bottom of this page. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens, therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category. For the purpose of Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides are more of a concern for ground water than surface water. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating.

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels. As a result of the assessments, DEP may customize (change existing) monitoring schedules based on the susceptibility ratings.

Sources	Pathogens			Nutrients			Pesticides			Volatile Organic Compounds			Inorganics			Radionuclides			Radon			Disinfection Byproduct Precursors		
	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L
Wells - 3			3			3			3			3		2	1			3			3	1	2	
GUDI - 0																								
Surface water intakes - 0																								

Pathogens: Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.

Nutrients: Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.

Volatile Organic Compounds: Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.

Pesticides: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.

Inorganics: Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.

Radionuclides: Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.

Radon: Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm> or call (800) 648-0394.

Disinfection Byproduct Precursors: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.