



# CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

***We are very pleased to provide you with this year's Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. I am pleased to report that our drinking water IS SAFE and meets or exceeds EPA and EGLE requirements.***

### **WHY DO YOU GET THIS REPORT?**

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) requires every community throughout the United States to report specific details regarding water quality, along with any contaminants that may be found in the water supply. In order to ensure that this information reaches all customers, the EPA requires this report be mailed, hand delivered, or electronically delivered to each household and business we supply. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water quality, please contact Tony Koster, DPW Director, at 616.902.3944, or attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings which are held at 7:00 p.m., the second Monday of each month at the Saranac Village Office, 27 N Bridge Street.

### **THE SOURCE OF YOUR WATER**

Our water source is from two (2) wells owned by the Village. Our wells draw water from the glacial material of the Grand River Valley. The depth of the wells varies from 115 to 120 feet below the surface. The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2015 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The acceptability rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based on geological sensitivity, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is "moderately high." You may obtain a copy of the Source Water Assessment Report at the Saranac Village Office. We have made efforts to protect our sources from contamination by developing a Wellhead Protection Program for the Village's public water system. This protection is provided by determining the groundwater areas which contribute to the Village's existing wells. This area is called the wellhead protection area and represents that part of the aquifer that will supply water to the Village's wells in the future. Our wellhead protection area is approximately 1 mile wide and runs south to the I-96 expressway. The perimeters of the wellhead protection area have been marked with signs along roadways stating "Now Entering Saranac Drinking Water Wellhead Protection Area."

The Village of Saranac routinely monitors for over eighty contaminants in your drinking water, according to Federal and State laws. The tables on page 3 and 4 show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2022. The State of Michigan allows us to monitor 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. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.



## **ABOUT CONTAMINANTS**

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; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## **DO YOU NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations limiting the level 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. 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 for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. More information on potential health effects of specific contaminants is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800.426.4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/dwstandardsregulations>.

## **Notice of Failure to Maintain a Licensed Operator-In-Charge (OIC)**

On August 26, 2022 the Village of Saranac received a violation notice from EGLE, for failure to maintain a licensed Operator-In-Charge (OIC). Our OIC's license expired on July 15, 2021, resulting in the violation. On August 25, 2022 our OIC's license was reinstated, bringing the water system into compliance. From July 15, 2021 to August 25, 2022, when our OIC was operating without a license, we had a backup certified water operator with a current water operator license. Throughout this time period, we continued to collect required samples and all monitoring showed results below the health standards.

This violation **WAS NOT** an emergency and no action was required by water customers. A Public Notice was hand delivered to all water customers on September 23, 2022, as required by law.

## INFORMATION ABOUT 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 Village of Saranac 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 have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. 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://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead>.

Our water supply has 491 service lines, 292 of which have been inspected to date. Of the 292 service lines inspected, we have found ZERO lead service lines, leaving 199 service lines of unknown material.

## WATER QUALITY DATA OF 2022

(see definitions on page 4)

Substance Subject to AL	Range of Detections	Action Level	MCLG	90% of Samples <= This Level	Frequency Monitoring Period	# of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	0 – 2 ppb	15	0	1	10/3 years 6/1/20-9/30/20	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	0.0 – 0.2 ppm	1.3	1.3	0.1	10/3 years 6/1/20-9/30/20	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

Substance	Violation	Level Detected	MCL	Frequency Monitoring Period	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	No	0.118	4	1/3 years 1/1/20 – 9/30/20	Erosion of natural deposits; Additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppm)	No	1.7	10	1/year 1/1/22 – 9/30/22	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	No	7.4	Unregulated	1/3 years 1/1/20 – 9/30/20	Inorganic compound found in streams, bodies of water & ground water
Combined Radium (pCi/l)	No	<0.46	5	1/9 years 1/1/20 – 9/30/20	Erosion of natural deposits



## WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE KEY & DEFINITIONS

**AL** – Action Level: The amount of a substance when exceeded requires a treatment change or other response by a water system.

**ppb** – Parts per Billion: Your rich uncle passes away and leaves you \$10 million. However, in counting your inheritance, you discover that 1 cent is missing. That's 1 ppb.

**ppm** – Parts per Million: You win a one-million-dollar lottery. You give a friend one dollar. That's 1 ppm.

**MCLG** – Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a substance in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**MCL** – Maximum Contaminant Level: This is the highest level of a substance that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**pCi/l** – Picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the Environmental Protection Agency has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA determine where these contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

In accordance with our Monitoring Schedule established by EGLE, we began testing your water annually in 2021 for any detections of the seven regulated per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). We are pleased to report that the sample results were all below the EPA Maximum Contaminant Level, and therefore met the Safe Drinking Water Criteria.

We are proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water **IS SAFE** at these levels.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we continue to make improvements that will benefit all our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding. Our employees 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. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the village water system or the testing of village water. You may reach me at 616.902.3944.



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