



## *Annual Drinking Water Quality Report*

### **City of Wixom Municipal Water**

**For January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

Dear Water Utility Customer:

We are pleased to provide you with the 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report in accordance with the "Safe Drinking Water Act", which was re-authorized and signed into law by President Clinton in the fall of 1998. A key component of this Act is mandatory public disclosure about compliance with drinking water regulations. The City of Wixom views this as an opportunity to inform our water customers about the high quality drinking water being supplied to them. The sample results presented in the following report are technical in nature, and our goal is to help you understand how the data supports the safety of consuming drinking water provided by the City of Wixom and its Contract Operator, Suez. If you have any questions about the contents of this report, or have suggestions on making it more understandable, please contact John Burton (Suez, Water Operations Specialist) at 248-960-0870.

The Great Lakes Water Authority - GLWA (formerly the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department - DWSD), has been providing water to the Wixom System since October 2001. Your source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. 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 in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale ranging from moderately low to very high, based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. If you would like to have more information about this report or a complete copy of this report, please contact Suez at 248-960-0870. Test results for the GLWA water supply are included in this report.

Even though we are connected to the GLWA system, the City of Wixom still has two ground water wells that are kept as "stand-by wells". These wells were not used to supply water to the City of Wixom in 2018. However, the City is still required to sample them as if they were the primary

source of water. These wells draw their water from the Huron River and Rouge River watershed and are approximately 100 feet in depth.

Over the last 25 years, state and federal environmental regulations have become progressively more stringent, resulting in significant improvements to water quality. As you will see in the following report, the City closely monitors both the source water and the drinking water supplied to you to ensure its quality and safety.

Suez (Contract Operator of the Wixom Water Utility) and GLWA routinely monitor your drinking water for impurities according to federal and state laws. The table included with this report shows the results of our monitoring for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 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 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 run-off, 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 run-off, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also, come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off 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. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 Wixom 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>.

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 800-426-4791.

Also, the City of Wixom is required to collect numerous samples each year and have them analyzed for various chemical parameters to determine compliance with state drinking water standards. These samples are taken periodically throughout the year and are sent out to be analyzed. We are also required to take monthly samples, which are tested for any bacteria that might be in the water system. These samples are analyzed by a Suez state certified laboratory in Wixom. The City of Wixom and Suez are proud that the drinking water delivered to you meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. As you will see from the tables below, our water system had no Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations during 2018.

As a water utility customer, you should consider yourself an investor-owner of the Wixom Water Utility System. Consequently, all customer inquiries, requests, or suggestions are welcomed and encouraged. Ultimately, the Wixom City Council, which assembles on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, is responsible for overseeing the Wixom Water Utility.

"The Great Lakes Water Authority monitored for *Cryptosporidium* in our source water (Detroit River) at our Southwest Water Treatment Plant during 2018. *Cryptosporidium* was detected twice in our source water samples. A follow-up water sample was collected from the treated water and *Cryptosporidium* was not found to be present.

*Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the US. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immunocompromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water. "*

If you have questions, comments or want additional information regarding the water utility, you may direct your inquiries to the following personnel:

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There are Internet web sites with additional water information. Oakland County has an Internet web site at [www.oakgov.com](http://www.oakgov.com).

You can find the EPA at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov). The American Water Works Association has a site at [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org).

**Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant  
2018 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

<b>2018 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MCL</b>	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	6-12-2018	ppm	4	4	0.76	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	6-12-2018	ppm	10	10	0.33	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

<b>2018 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MCL</b>	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes TTHM	2018	ppb	n/a	80	32	n/a	No.	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids HAA5	2018	ppb	n/a	60	21	n/a	No.	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MRDLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MRDL</b>	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2018	ppm	4	4	0.83	0.79-0.87	no	Water additive used to control microbes

<b>2018 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water</b>				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)		Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.17 NTU	100 %		no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.				

<b>2017 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Action Level <b>AL</b>	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples over <b>AL</b>	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2017	ppb	0	15	0.0	0	No.	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2017	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.2	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.								

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Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique 2018	Typical Source of Contaminant
<b>Total Organic Carbon (ppm)</b>	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no TOC removal requirement	Erosion of natural deposits

Radionuclides 2014							
Regulated contaminant	Test date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level	Level detected	Violation Yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking water
<b>Combined Radium 226 and 228</b>	5-13-14	pCi/L	0	5	<b>0.86 + or - 0.55</b>	<b>no</b>	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	Level Detected 2018	Source of Contamination
<b>Sodium (ppm)</b>	n/a	n/a	<b>5.21</b>	Erosion of natural deposits