

# 2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER (MOUNT PLEASANT)

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is surface water and groundwater. All of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from Burlington Municipal Waterworks and Mount Pleasant Municipal Utilities. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	1 (ND - 2)	03/31/2016	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	4.00 (ND - 5)	2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.24 (0.03 - 0.32)	2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.66 (1.5 - 1.7)	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

## DEFINITIONS

- 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 allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- LRAA – Locational Running Annual Average
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- 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 contaminants.
- 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.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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 posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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. RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER (MOUNT PLEASANT) 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>.

### SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

Original Supply ID	Original Supply Name
IA2909053	Burlington Municipal Waterworks
IA4453016	Mount Pleasant Municipal Utilities

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Burlington Municipal Water Works

PWSID#2909053

### MONITORING VIOLATION OF THE WATER TESTING SCHEDULE

Our water system violated a drinking water standard over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We, the Burlington Municipal Waterworks Public Water Supply serving Burlington, West Burlington, IAAP, Middletown, Danville, and Rathbun Regional Water Association are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 we did not monitor or test turbidity (a key test for measuring water quality) on Filter #3 and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

What happened? What is being done?

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 it was discovered that the instrument on filter #3 stopped working. After reviewing the data recordings for the month, it appeared that the failure began on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The error went undiscovered for several days due to a programming issue with the instrument. During this time, the remaining five filters' individual filter effluent turbidities and the combined filter effluent turbidity were well below the regulatory limits. Since this occurrence, each instrument is verified monthly to ensure that they are programmed in such a way that will alert the operator of an instrument failure so it can be immediately addressed.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Turbidity is an indicator of treatment filter performance and is regulated as a treatment technique.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER (MOUNT PLEASANT) at 641-647-2416.

## PURCHASED WATER INFORMATION

Our water system purchases water from the system(s) shown below. Their water quality is as follows:

CONTAMINANT	MCL - (MCLG)	Compliance		Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
		Type	Value & (Range)			
2909053 - BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS						
01 - S/EP FM MISS R. & WELLS 1, 2, & 3						
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	1.44 (0.32-1.44)	2016	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.0171	05/07/2014	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	11.2	04/18/2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	4.7 (2.1 - 4.7)	2016	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Total Organic Carbon	15% - 30%	TT	(54.5 – 61.5)	2016	No	Naturally Present in the Environment
Toluene (ug/L)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	0.65	08/15/2016	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A (N/A)	TT	0.15 (100%)	2016	No	Soil runoff
Chromium (Total)	Ug/L	SGL	9.7 (1.9 – 9.7)	2014	No	Unregulated Contaminants Rule #3
Strontium	Ug/L	SGL	95.6 (73.9 – 95.6)	2014	No	Unregulated Contaminants Rule #3
Vanadium	Ug/L	SGL	1.2 (0.5 – 1.2)	2014	No	Unregulated Contaminants Rule #3
Chromium - 6	Ug/L	SGL	2.34 (1.80 – 2.34)	2014	No	Unregulated Contaminants Rule #3
1,4 - Dioxane	Ug/L	SGL	0.628 (0.31 – 0.628)	2014	No	Unregulated Contaminants Rule #3
1,1 - Dichloroethane	Ug/L	SGL	0.128 (0.0 – 0.128)	2014	No	Unregulated Contaminants Rule #3
4453016 - MOUNT PLEASANT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES						
03 - S/EP FROM WELL #4(1946)						
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	5	04/13/2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	1.4	04/13/2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	130	05/03/2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
05 - S/EP FROM WELL #6 (1997)						
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	10.1	04/13/2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	3.2	04/13/2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	130	05/03/2016	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process