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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Washington
To: Washington Navy Yard Tenant Commands and Residents

Subj: 2020 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT, WASHINGTON NAVY YARD,
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM #DC0000003

Encl: (1) 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Washington Navy Yard

1. In accordance with federal drinking water regulations, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Washington is pleased to provide Washington Navy Yard (WNY) tenant commands and residents with the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.
2. The water at the WNY met all federal Safe Drinking Water Act standards in 2020 and continues to meet those standards. This routine report is provided to ensure that you have accurate information regarding the quality of WNY drinking water. Please note that this is not being sent in response to a health threat, but because of an annual regulatory requirement.
3. WNY's drinking water originates from the Potomac River and is treated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Aqueduct (WA), which uses chloramines as a disinfectant. DC Water purchases drinking water from the WA and distributes it to residences and businesses in the District, to include WNY.
4. NSA Washington regularly monitors WNY drinking water distribution system for specific contaminants. The results of routine monitoring are an indicator of whether or not WNY's drinking water met Safe Drinking Water Act standards.
5. As required, enclosure (1) contains results of drinking water monitoring conducted at the WNY during Calendar Year (CY) 2020. This enclosure also provides important information about the following topics:
 - a. Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Results for the WNY conducted in CY 2020 and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory limits, if any, for each parameter;
 - b. Important health effects information;
 - c. Definitions of key terms, such as maximum contaminant level;
 - d. Contaminants reasonably expected to be found in drinking water;
 - e. Sources of drinking water and contaminants that may be present in source waters;
 - f. EPA and Food and Drug Administration regulations;
 - g. Non-English speaking population information; and
 - h. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline telephone number.

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6. There were no violations to the Safe Drinking Water Act at the WNY in 2020.

7. If you have any questions with regard to the quality of the WNY's drinking water, contact Public Works Department Washington's Drinking Water Program Manager, William Cruz-Montes at (202) 685-8007 or by email at william.cruz2@navy.mil.



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Drinking Water Quality Report



Public Water System
ID DC 000003

Summarizing 2020 Water
Quality Test Results

What is a Consumer Confidence Report?



A Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as a safe drinking water or water quality report, is an annual report summarizing the drinking water quality for a community public water system. Each year, the Washington Navy Yard must prepare and distribute a CCR to its tenants and send a copy of the CCR to the US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3. The system must also provide a signed certification regarding the contents of the report and its distribution.

The CCR is a great opportunity for the Public Work Department (PWD) Washington to describe for its water consumers what is required to provide WNY with drinking water. Information such as water sample results, how we handled any problems that might have occurred, and future improvements or requirements associated with operating the system, is included within the CCR.

Contact Information

Public Works Department - Environmental

Installation Environmental Program Director	202-433-0415
Drinking Water Program Manager	202-685-8007

Additional Contacts

DC Water – Drinking Water Division	202-612-3440
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Información en Español

Este reporte contiene información importante sobre el agua potable que usted consume. Para obtener una traducción del reporte, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de Asuntos Públicos al (202) 685-8007. Si necesita la asistencia de un traductor con respecto a información sobre DC Water, favor de contactar DC Water Asistencia al Cliente al (202) 354-3600 (8am a 5pm, Lunes a Viernes).

Your Drinking Water Source



Where does your drinking water come from?

Drinking water for the District of Columbia comes from the Potomac River, a “surface water” supply. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Aqueduct filters and disinfects the water to meet safe drinking water standards. After treatment, the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) purchases the water from them before selling it to Public Work Department (PWD) Washington who distributes this drinking water to residential and non-residential buildings at the Washington Navy Yard. The treatment process includes sedimentation, filtration, fluoridation, pH adjustment, primary disinfection using free chlorine, secondary disinfection with chloramines through the addition of ammonia, and corrosion control with orthophosphate.

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.

DC Water conducts water quality monitoring throughout the city ensuring that the water delivered throughout the District meets Federal drinking water quality standards. For more information on DC Water, assessment techniques and reports, susceptibility to potential sources of contamination, as well as a copy of the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report from DC Water, please visit their website at <https://www.dewater.com/waterquality>. For more information on the drinking water treatment process, visit the Aqueduct’s website at: <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil>.



Contaminants that MAY be present in source water

Microbial Contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

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.

Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which 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, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.



Important Health Information

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. The EPA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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.

In order 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. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) 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 water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791



Microbial and Inorganic Contaminants That You Should Know About

Total Coliforms & E. coli.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. If coliforms are found in our water distribution system, PWD Washington would need to look for potential problems in the water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in most surface water in the U.S. Ingesting Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people are at greater risk of developing a life-threatening illness.

Cryptosporidium

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 water service lines and home plumbing. WNY 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. WNY is required to test for lead every three years and the last testing period was in 2020. WNY met EPA standards for lead during that period (See Monitoring Results Table).

If you are concerned about lead in WNY water, please contact Public Works Department (PWD) Washington Drinking Water Program Manager, at (202) 685-8007. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-(800) 424-5323 or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm>.

Routine Sampling and Monitoring Results



Microbial Indicators

Substance	Units	EPA Limits		Washington Navy Yard Drinking Water			Description
		MCLG	MCL	Highest	Range	Violation	
Total Coliform Bacteria	Number of Positive Samples	0	1	1	0 to 1	No	Naturally present in the environment.
E. coli Bacteria	Number of Positive Samples	0	0	0	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste.

Disinfectants

Substance	Units	EPA Limits		Washington Navy Yard Drinking Water			Description
		MRDLG	MRDL	Highest Running Annual Average	Range of Single Site Results	Violation	
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	3.09	0.21 - 4.00	No	Water additive that protects against microbiological contamination. Chlorine is combined with ammonia to form chloramine.

Disinfection Byproducts

Substance	Units	EPA Limits		Washington Navy Yard Drinking Water			Description
		MCLG	MCL	Highest locational running annual average	Range of single site results	Violation	
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	N/A	80	58	17 to 94	No	Trihalomethanes are a byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Haloacetic Acids	ppb	N/A	60	41	14 to 50	No	Haloacetic acids are a byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

Nitrate and Nitrite

Substance	Units	EPA Limits		Washington Navy Yard Drinking Water			Description
		MCLG	MCL	Highest	Range	Violation	
Nitrate	ppm	10	10	1.9	1.8 - 1.9	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion from natural deposits.
Nitrite	ppm	1	1	< 0.20	< 0.20	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; erosion from natural deposits.

Nitrite results are from the 2018 monitoring year, which is the most recent sampling completed in accordance with Federal regulations.

Lead and Copper (At the consumer's Tap)

Substance	Units	EPA Limits		Washington Navy Yard Drinking Water			Description
		MCLG	AL	Samples Above AL	90th Percentile	Violation	
Lead	ppb	0	15	0	< 0.5	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	ppb	1.3	1.3	0	0.170	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Asbestos

Substance	Units	EPA Limits		Washington Navy Yard Drinking Water			Description
		MCLG	MCL	Highest	Range	Violation	
Asbestos	MFL	7	7	Non Detected	Non Detected	No	Typically used in cement pipes.

Unregulated Contaminants (UCMR)

Substance	Units	EPA Limits		Washington Navy Yard Drinking Water			Description
		MCLG	MCL	Average	Range	Violation	
HAA5	µg/L	N/A	N/A	27.7	13.9 - 50.8	No	EPA uses the UCMR to collect data for contaminants that are suspected to be present in drinking water and do not have health based standards set under the SDWA.
HAA6Br	µg/L	N/A	N/A	9.7	6 - 13.4	No	
HAA9	µg/L	N/A	N/A	36.8	21.9 - 63.3	No	

In 2019, UCMR samples were collected at only one of the four required UCMR locations. In 2020, the missing samples were collected and the data is presented above.



Definitions

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

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.

MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

MRDLG - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

ND: Not Detected

ppb: parts per billion

ppm: parts per million

TT - Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.



Maintaining Water Quality



Flush Lines After Extended Periods of Stagnation (COVID-19 Extended Telework) Buildings might shut down over weekends, holidays and currently, for several months due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Following extended days of water stagnation, flush a tap at the farthest end of the building from where the water originates on each floor for 15 minutes. In addition, flush each frequently used fountain/tap for 5 minutes before use.

Maintain Water Fountains Many fountains have filters that remove chlorine taste, reduce byproducts of chlorine, and reduce sediments and particulate metals such as lead, copper, and iron which can leach from in-house plumbing. However, without routine maintenance and changing of these filters as recommended by the manufacturer, water quality will diminish considerably. Carbon filters that are not changed will eventually accumulate enough nutrients for bacteria to grow. As bacteria activity increases, their byproducts can reduce water quality. Another common water filter is a sediment filter. If these filters are not routinely changed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation, they may introduce contaminants into the water.

Keep Water Coolers Clean Many buildings purchase bottled water coolers for drinking water purposes. Unlike tap water, the water provided in these coolers contains no disinfectant and therefore provides the potential for bacterial growth in the cooler dispenser. Coolers must be routinely cleaned as prescribed by the manufacturer.

Clean Strainers/ Aerators Periodically remove and clean the strainer/ aerator device on faucets in the building to remove debris.

Public Participation

PWD Washington welcomes your feedback, questions, and comments. Please contact (202) 685-8007 or (202) 433-0415 at any time to discuss your concerns. The DC Water Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of the month and you can watch live streaming video of the Board Meetings. Please visit dcwater.com or contact the Office of the Board Secretary at (202) 787-2330 to confirm a meeting time and location.