

# 2018 Annual Drinking WATER QUALITY REPORT

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ID NJ 1424001

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## Information About Your Drinking Water

- This report contains important information about your drinking water. If you do not understand it, please have someone translate it for you.
- Este informe contiene información importante sobre su agua potable. Si no lo entiende, por favor alguien tiene que traducir para usted.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

SMCMUA is pleased to share this 2018 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report with you, our consumer, in accordance with the Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Acts. This information is being made available so that you can learn more about the finished water delivered to your tap. *We ask our consumers to be attentive to the messages contained in this report regarding vulnerable populations and persons on sodium restricted diets; these persons should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.*

This report provides a summary of water quality data collected for the raw and finished (treated) water sources introduced into our service area, including surface and groundwater supplies owned by SMCMUA, and supplies purchased from Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) and Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA). SMCMUA was in compliance with all primary, enforceable standards for 2018. The report includes data for regulated contaminants, secondary (aesthetic) parameters and unregulated contaminants.

SMCMUA exceeded the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes in 2018. The exceedance has been corrected as explained in this report.

Several sources of supply exceeded the Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) for sodium. High sodium, chloride and total dissolved solids values are attributed to the use of sodium chloride for de-icing of roads.

As our consumers and our customers, we encourage you to review this report. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Department.

Sincerely,

Dennis Baldassari  
Board Chairman

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## VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

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 of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Information Hotline (800-426-4791).

## SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (SMCMUA) WATER SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

SMCMUA, a public entity created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., provides potable water and water services to customers within its creating municipalities or District (the Town of Morristown, the Township of Morris, the Township of Hanover, and Borough of Morris Plains) as well as to certain customers and municipalities outside its District including the Townships of Chatham, Mendham, Harding, Randolph and Parsippany-Troy Hills, and the Borough of Florham Park. It also supplies water at wholesale rates to the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) and to the Borough of Wharton. The Authority provides water to approximately 65,000 residents, delivering approximately 8.3 MGD on an average daily basis and in excess of 12.4 MGD during peak demand periods.

SMCMUA treats and distributes surface water from the Clyde Potts Reservoir and from groundwater sources originating from the glacial sand and gravel aquifer and the Brunswick aquifer. Clyde Potts Reservoir water is treated using membrane filtration, granular activated carbon adsorption, corrosion control treatment (CCT) and chlorine disinfection. All of the groundwater sources receive chlorine disinfection, two wells are treated for the removal of volatile organic contaminants and two wells are treated for the removal of manganese.

SMCMUA purchases finished water through interconnections with MCMUA and Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC). Finished water from MCMUA originates from groundwater sources. Finished water purchased from PVWC is a blend of water obtained from PVWC's Little Falls Water Treatment Plant (LFWTP) and/or from the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission's (NJDWSC's) Wanaque Water Treatment Plant. The LFWTP treats mostly Passaic and Pompton River waters using a treatment process consisting of coagulation, sedimentation, ozone primary disinfection, granular activated carbon/sand filtration, chlorine secondary disinfection and CCT. The Wanaque Water Treatment Plant treats Wanaque Reservoir water using a treatment process consisting of coagulation, sedimentation, anthracite/sand filtration, primary and secondary chlorine disinfection, and CCT.

## SOURCES OF CONTAMINANTS IN TAP AND BOTTLED WATER

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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Information 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 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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and that can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater 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, USEPA 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.

## SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SWAP)

The purpose of NJDEP's SWAP is to provide for the protection and benefit of public water systems and to increase public awareness and involvement in protecting the sources of public drinking water; information is available through [www.state.nj.us/dep/swap](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap). The SWAP Plan identified susceptibility ratings for eight contaminant categories identified below for each source for the system. Each contaminant group was assigned a susceptibility rating of L-low, M-medium and H-high. If a drinking water source's susceptibility rate is high, it does not necessarily mean the drinking water is contaminated. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. SMCMUA has identified the watershed and wellhead protection areas for the Clyde Potts Reservoir and for the ground water sources owned by SMCMUA.

The contaminant categories include:

- **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 609-984-5425.
- **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.

The susceptibility ratings for all of the source waters treated and distributed to SMCMUA's service area are included in Table 1 below.

### TABLE 1 SOURCE WATER SUSCEPTIBILITY RATINGS

| Sources                   | Pathogens |    |   | Nutrients |   |   | Pesticides |   |   | Volatile Organic Compounds |   |   | Inorganics |   |   | Radio-nuclides |   |   | 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 |  |
| SMCMUA                    |           |    |   |           |   |   |            |   |   |                            |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |       |    |   |                                   |   |   |  |
| Wells – 11                |           | 10 | 1 | 10        | 1 |   |            | 2 | 9 | 11                         |   |   |            | 5 | 6 |                | 2 | 9 |       | 11 |   |                                   | 6 | 5 |  |
| Surface water intakes – 1 | 1         |    |   |           | 1 |   |            |   | 1 |                            | 1 |   |            | 1 |   |                |   |   | 1     |    |   | 1                                 | 1 |   |  |
| MCMUA                     |           |    |   |           |   |   |            |   |   |                            |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |       |    |   |                                   |   |   |  |
| Wells – 8                 |           | 8  |   | 4         | 2 | 2 |            | 2 | 6 | 2                          |   | 6 |            | 1 | 7 | 1              | 6 | 1 | 2     | 6  |   | 5                                 | 3 |   |  |
| PVWC's LFWTP              |           |    |   |           |   |   |            |   |   |                            |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |       |    |   |                                   |   |   |  |
| Surface water intakes – 4 | 4         |    |   | 4         |   |   |            | 1 | 3 |                            | 4 |   | 4          |   |   |                |   | 4 |       |    | 4 | 4                                 |   |   |  |
| NJDWSC's Wanaque WTP      |           |    |   |           |   |   |            |   |   |                            |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |       |    |   |                                   |   |   |  |
| Surface water intakes – 5 | 5         |    |   | 5         |   |   |            | 2 | 3 |                            | 5 |   | 5          |   |   |                |   | 5 |       |    | 5 | 5                                 |   |   |  |

### CRYPTOSPORIDIUM

The USEPA required surface water systems to monitor for *Cryptosporidium* and *E. coli* in the source waters, before treatment. A second round of monitoring was completed in 2017 that required monthly sampling of the source water for a total of 24 consecutive months where the results were utilized to identify the need to install additional treatment. This monitoring requirement applied to SMCMUA's Clyde Potts Water Treatment Plant (WTP), PVWC's Little Falls WTP (LFWTP) and NJDWSC's Wanaque WTP. SMCMUA purchases water from PVWC that may consist of finished water from the LFWTP, Wanaque WTP or a blend of the two. Table 2 below summarizes the data collected to date for this program, including *Giardia* results collected for informational purposes. The results of this study demonstrated that no additional treatment was required for *Cryptosporidium* for SMCMUA, PVWC or the Wanaque WTPs.

### TABLE 2 SURFACE SOURCE WATER MICROBIAL CONTAMINANTS

| CONTAMINANT                        | SMCMUA PWS ID<br>NJ1424001 | PVWC PWS ID<br>NJ1605002<br>NJDWSC PWS ID<br>NJ1613001 | TYPICAL SOURCE  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , oocysts/L | ND - 0.273                 | ND - 0.878   | Microbial pathogens found in surface waters throughout the United States. |
| <i>Giardia</i> , cysts/L           | ND - 1.6                   | ND - 2.047   |   |
| <i>E. coli</i> , MPN /100 mL       | ND - 26.5                  | 9.6 – >2419.6  |   |

TABLE 3

## 2018 DETECTED REGULATED CONTAMINANTS COLLECTED FROM WATER OBTAINED AFTER TREATMENT AT THE POINTS OF ENTRY TO THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The State of New Jersey allows the Authority to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of this data, though representative, are more than one year old.

| PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS               | Compliance Achieved | MCLG | MCL  | SMCMUA PWS ID NJ1424001                   | Purchased Water Results                         |  | TYPICAL SOURCE   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------|--|---|---|--|--|
|                                    |                     |      |  |   | PVWC PWS ID NJ1605002 NJDWSC PWS ID NJ1613001   | MCMUA PWS ID NJ1432001                           |  |
| TURBIDITY AND TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON |                     |      |  | Highest Result, Range and Year of Results |   |  |  |
| Turbidity (NTU)                    | Yes                 | NA   | TT = 1   | 0.30<br>(0.01 - 0.30)<br>2018             | 0.41<br>(0.06 average)<br>2018                  | N/A  | Soil runoff.   |
|                                    | Yes                 | NA   | TT = percentage of samples <0.3 NTU (min 95% required) | 100%<br>2018                              | 99.9%<br>2018                                   | N/A  |  |
| Total Organic Carbon (%)           | Yes                 | NA   | TT = % removal   | N/A                                       | (35 - 50% required)<br>(Range 49 - 80%)<br>2018 | N/A  | Naturally present in the environment.  |
| CONTAMINANTS                       |                     |      |  | Highest Result, Range and Year of Results |   |  |  |
| Methyl t-Butyl Ether (ppb)         | Yes                 | 70   | 70   | 4.6 RAA<br>(ND - 6.9)<br>2018             | ND<br>2018                                      | ND<br>2018                                       | Leaking underground gasoline and fuel oil tanks, gasoline and fuel spills                              |
| Arsenic (ppb)                      | Yes                 | NA   | 5  | 1.3<br>(ND - 1.3)<br>2018                 | ND<br>2018                                      | 0.5<br>(ND - 0.5)<br>2017                        | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes |
| Antimony (ppb)                     | Yes                 | 6    | 6  | ND<br>2018                                | ND<br>2018                                      | ND<br>2017                                       | Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder.                   |
| Barium (ppm)                       | Yes                 | 2    | 2  | 0.114<br>(0.0379 - 0.114)<br>2018         | (0.0145 - Less than 0.10)<br>2018               | 0.5<br>(ND - 0.5)<br>2017                        | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Chromium (ppb)                     | Yes                 | 100  | 100  | ND<br>2018                                | ND<br>2018                                      | 1.1<br>(ND - 1.1)<br>2017                        | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.                                      |
| Fluoride (ppm)                     | Yes                 | 4    | 4  | ND<br>2018                                | 0.080<br>(ND - 0.080)<br>2018                   | 0.2<br>(0.05 - 0.2)<br>2017                      | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Nickel (ppb)                       | NA                  | NA   | NA   | 2.3<br>(ND - 2.3)<br>2018                 | 2.39<br>(ND - 3.29)<br>2018                     | 1.6<br>(ND - 1.6)<br>2017                        | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Nitrate (ppm)                      | Yes                 | 10   | 10   | 4.7<br>(0.056 - 4.7)<br>2018              | 3.26<br>(ND - 3.26)<br>2018                     | 3.1<br>(0.8 - 3.1)<br>2018                       | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.           |
| Nitrite (ppm)                      | Yes                 | 1    | 1  | ND<br>2018                                | -   | -  | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.           |
| Selenium (ppb)                     | Yes                 | 50   | 50   | ND<br>2018                                | Less than 2<br>2018                             | 0.9<br>(ND - 0.9)<br>2017                        | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)             | Yes                 | 0    | 15   | 3.16<br>(ND - 3.16)<br>2017               | -   | 4.4 Highest Average<br>(ND - 4.4)<br>2016 - 2017 | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Combined Radium 226 & 228 (pCi/L)  | Yes                 | 0    | 5  | 1.1<br>(ND - 1.1)<br>2017                 | -   | ND<br>2017                                       | Erosion of natural deposits.   |

TABLE 4

## 2018 DETECTED CONTAMINANTS COLLECTED FROM WATER WITHIN SMCMUA'S SERVICE AREA

| PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS   | Compliance Achieved | MCLG  | MCL                                | DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SAMPLE RESULTS            | TYPICAL SOURCE                             |
|--|---------------------|-------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS   |                     |       |                                    | Highest Monthly Result                        |  |
| Total Coliform Bacteria (%)  | Yes                 | 0     | 5% of monthly samples are positive | 1.0% (one sample was Total Coliform positive) | Naturally present in the environment.      |
| DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS - STAGE II   |                     |       | LRAA OEL                           | Highest LRAA and Range of Results             |  |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)  | Yes                 | NA    | 60                                 | 51.2 (3.1 - 56.4)                             | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)   | No *                | NA    | 80                                 | 86.4 (32.4 - 110.0)                           | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| *Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes 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. See page 9 for more information. |                     |       |                                    |   |  |
| DISINFECTANTS  |                     | MRDLG | MRDL                               | Highest RAA and Range of Results              |  |
| Chlorine (ppm)   | Yes                 | 4     | 4                                  | 1.68 Highest RAA (0.00 - 2.90)                | Water additive used to control microbes.   |

## 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. SMCMUA 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. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Information Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, if so, please contact SMCMUA's Customer Service Division to schedule a water test. Samples collected during 2017 standard monitoring confirmed that lead and copper results were below their respective action levels at the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile and therefore SMCMUA conducted reduced lead and copper sampling during 2018 in accordance with USEPA and NJDEP requirements. The results are summarized in Table 5.

- Visit <http://smcmua.org/Lead.htm> to obtain information on how to identify lead-free certification marks for drinking water system and plumbing materials.
- EPA and NJDEP Consumer and School/Childcare Information on Lead is available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead.html>

**TABLE 5  
2018 LEAD AND COPPER MONITORING RESULTS**

| Contaminant  | Compliance Achieved | MCLG | Action Level | 90th Percentile                                 | Typical Source                           |
|--------------|---------------------|------|--------------|---|--|
| Copper (ppm) | Yes                 | 1.3  | 1.3          | 1.02 (1 of the 30 samples exceeded the AL) 2018 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems. |
| Lead (ppb)   | Yes                 | 0    | 15           | 3.80 (1 out of 30 samples exceeded the AL) 2018 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems. |

**TABLE 6  
2018 SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS  
(AESTHETIC, NON-ENFORCEABLE, STANDARDS)**

| Contaminant                                     | N.J. Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) | SMCMUA PWSID NJ1424001 2018 Data |              | PVWC-Little Falls WTP PWSID NJ1605002 NJDWSC-Wanaque WTP PWSID NJ1613001 |              | MCMUA PWSID NJ1432001 2017 Data |              |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
|   |                                    | Range of Results                 | RUL Achieved | Range of Results   | RUL Achieved | Range of Results                | RUL Achieved |
| A.B.S./L.A.S., ppm                              | 0.5                                | ND                               | Yes          | ND - 0.15  | Yes          | ND - 0.08                       | Yes          |
| Alkalinity, ppm                                 | NA                                 | 17.2 - 231                       | NA           | 38 - 70  | NA           | 24 - 122                        | NA           |
| Aluminum, ppb                                   | 200                                | ND                               | Yes          | ND - 60  | Yes          | 1.10 - 4.53                     | Yes          |
| Chloride, ppm                                   | 250                                | 49.4 - 295                       | No           | 65 - 194   | Yes          | 8.39 - 94.26                    | Yes          |
| Color, CU                                       | 10                                 | ND - 5                           | Yes          | ND - 2   | Yes          | ND                              | Yes          |
| Corrosivity                                     | Non-Corrosive                      | Corrosive                        | No           | Non-Corrosive  | Yes          | Corrosive                       | No           |
| Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), ppm           | 250                                | 41.8 - 396                       | No           | 52 - 160   | Yes          | 56 - 152                        | Yes          |
| Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), grains/gallon | 14.6                               | 2.4 - 23.1                       | No           | 3.0 - 9.0  | Yes          | 3.3 - 8.9                       | Yes          |
| Iron, ppb                                       | 300                                | ND - 223                         | Yes          | Less than 100  | Yes          | ND                              | Yes          |
| Manganese, ppb                                  | 50                                 | ND - 40.4                        | Yes          | Less than 50   | Yes          | ND - 1.33                       | Yes          |
| Odor, TON                                       | 3                                  | ND                               | Yes          | ND - 10  | No           | ND - 35                         | No           |
| pH  | 6.5 to 8.5                         | 6.1 - 8.3                        | No           | 7.7 - 8.4  | Yes          | 5.5 - 8.0                       | No           |
| Sodium <sup>1</sup> , ppm                       | 50                                 | 19.1 - 119                       | No           | 40 - 162   | No           | 6 - 55                          | No           |
| Sulfate, ppm                                    | 250                                | 5.5 - 79                         | Yes          | 8 - 68   | Yes          | ND - 15.4                       | Yes          |
| Total Dissolved Solids, ppm                     | 500                                | 150 - 961                        | No           | 177 - 498  | Yes          | 79.5 - 242.5                    | Yes          |
| Zinc, ppb                                       | 5,000                              | ND - 248                         | Yes          | Less than 50   | Yes          | 0.58 - 21.8                     | Yes          |

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER: SODIUM RECOMMENDED UPPER LIMIT EXCEEDED.** Persons on sodium restricted diets may be concerned about the sodium levels in the finished water above the New Jersey Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) of 50 ppm. Sodium was detected in the distribution system at levels ranging between 19.1 and 119.0 ppm. The highest concentrations of sodium in 2018 are attributed to SMCMUA's Littleton Well and to the water purchased from PVWC. Sodium is naturally present in the source water and its presence may also be the result of the use of road salt for de-icing roadways. For healthy individuals, the sodium intake from water is not important because a much greater intake of sodium takes place from salt in the diet; however, persons on sodium restricted diets should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

**UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) amendments require that once every five years EPA issue a new list of no more than 30 unregulated contaminants to be monitored by public water systems. SMCMUA completed monitoring for UCMR4 in 2018. Data collected are provided in Table 7, where these samples were collected after treatment at the point-of-entry to the distribution system.

**TABLE 7  
UCMR4 and other UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

| UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS                     | SMCMUA PWS ID NJ1424001 | Purchased Water Results                       |                        | TYPICAL SOURCE   |
|--|-------------------------|---|------------------------|--|
|  |                         | PVWC PWS ID NJ1605002 NJDWSC PWS ID NJ1613001 | MCMUA PWS ID NJ1432001 |  |
|  |                         | Highest Result, Range                         |                        |  |
| 1,1-dichloroethane (ppb)                     | ND - 0.69<br>2018       | ND<br>2018                                    | ND<br>2018             | It is an industrial chemical used as a solvent.  |
| 1,4-dioxane (ppb)                            | ND - 0.71<br>2018       | ND<br>2018                                    | ND<br>2014             | It is used as a solvent or solvent stabilizer in the manufacture and processing of paper, cotton, textile products, automotive coolant, cosmetics and shampoos.  |
| chlorate (ppb)                               | 26 - 180<br>2015        | 102 - 475<br>2018                             | ND - 120<br>2014       | Chlorate compounds are used in agriculture as defoliants or desiccants and may occur in drinking water related to use of disinfectants such as chlorine dioxide. |
| chromium (total) (ppb)                       | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | ND - 1.11<br>2017      | Naturally-occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys; used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preservation.           |
| Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)    | ND - 2.8<br>2018        | 2.0 - 5.1<br>2018                             | ND (ppb)<br>2014       | Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant.   |
| Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) (ppt)        | ND - 3.3<br>2018        | 2.1 - 4.9<br>2018                             | ND (ppb)<br>2014       | Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant.   |
| Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)   | ND - 6.2<br>2018        | 2.5 - 5.3<br>2018                             | ND (ppb)<br>2014       | Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant.   |
| Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)          | ND<br>2018              | ND - 2.1<br>2018                              | ND (ppb)<br>2014       | Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant.   |
| Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)          | ND - 12.0<br>2018       | 7.2 - 16.0<br>2018                            | ND (ppb)<br>2014       | PFOA is used in the manufacture of fluoropolymers, substances which provide non-stick surfaces on cookware and waterproof, breathable membranes for clothing     |
| Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)         | ND - 5.1<br>2018        | 4.2 - 12.0<br>2018                            | -                      | Breakdown product of stain- and grease-proof coatings on food packaging and household products.  |
| Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) (ppt)       | ND - 4.8<br>2018        | 4.9 - 12.0<br>2018                            | ND (ppb)<br>2014       | PFOS was used in firefighting foams and various surfactant uses; few of which are still ongoing because no alternatives are available.                           |
| <b>UCMR4 CYANOTOXINS</b>                     |                         |   |                        |  |
| Anatoxin-a (ppb)                             | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Cylindrospermopsin (ppb)                     | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Microcystin -LA (ppb)                        | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Microcystin-LF (ppb)                         | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Microcystin-LR (ppb)                         | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Microcystin-LY (ppb)                         | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Microcystin-RR (ppb)                         | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Microcystin-YR (ppb)                         | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Nodularin (ppb)                              | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| Total Microcystins & Nodularins (ppb)        | ND<br>2018              | ND<br>2018                                    | -                      | Toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria ("blue-green algae").  |
| <b>UCMR4 HALOACETIC ACIDS and INDICATORS</b> |                         |   |                        |  |
| Bromide (ppb)                                | 20.3 - 23.9<br>2018     | -   | -                      | Naturally occurring inorganic matter that reacts with disinfectants to form disinfection by-products.  |



**TABLE 7**  
**UCMR4 and other UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS (CONTINUED)**

|                                     |                      |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (ppm)    | 2.30 - 3.12<br>2018  | - | - | Naturally occurring organic matter that reacts with disinfectants to form disinfection by-products.   |
| Bromochloroacetic acid (ppb)        | ND - 6.44<br>2018    | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| Bromodichloroacetic acid (ppb)      | ND - 6.80<br>2018    | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| Chlorodibromoacetic acid (ppb)      | ND - 2.87<br>2018    | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| Dibromoacetic acid (ppb)            | ND - 2.47<br>2018    | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| Dichloroacetic acid (ppb)           | 0.684 - 20.1<br>2018 | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| Monobromoacetic acid (ppb)          | ND - 0.452<br>2018   | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| Monochloroacetic acid (ppb)         | ND<br>2018           | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| Tribromoacetic acid (ppb)           | ND<br>2018           | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| Trichloroacetic acid (ppb)          | ND - 37.9<br>2018    | - | - | By-product of drinking water disinfection.  |
| <b>UCMR4 METALS</b>                 |                      |   |   |   |
| Germanium (ppb)                     | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Naturally-occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; a byproduct of zinc ore processing; used in infrared optics, fiber-optic systems, electronics and solar applications.                |
| Manganese (ppb)                     | ND - 3.98<br>2018    | - | - | Naturally-occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical; essential nutrient. |
| <b>UCMR4 PESTICIDES</b>             |                      |   |   |   |
| alpha-Hexachlorocyclohexane (ppb)   | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Component of benzene hexachloride (BHC); formerly used as an insecticide.   |
| Chlorpyrifos (ppb)                  | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Organophosphate; used as an insecticide, acaricide and miticide.  |
| Dimethipin (ppb)                    | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as an herbicide and plant growth regulator.  |
| Ethoprop (ppb)                      | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as an insecticide.   |
| Oxyfluorfen (ppb)                   | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as an herbicide.   |
| Profenofos (ppb)                    | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as an insecticide and acaricide.   |
| Tebuconazole (ppb)                  | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as a fungicide.  |
| Total Permethrin, cis & trans (ppb) | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as an insecticide.   |
| Tribufos (ppb)                      | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as an insecticide and cotton defoliant.  |
| <b>UCMR4 SEMIVOLATILE CHEMICALS</b> |                      |   |   |   |
| Butylated hydroxyanisole (ppb)      | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as a food additive (antioxidant).  |
| o-Toluidine (ppb)                   | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used in the production of dyes, rubber, pharmaceuticals and pesticides.   |
| Quinoline (ppb)                     | ND - 0.0550<br>2018  | - | - | Used as a pharmaceutical (anti-malarial) and flavoring agent; produced as a chemical intermediate; component of coal.   |
| <b>UCMR4 ALCOHOLS</b>               |                      |   |   |   |
| 1-Butanol (ppb)                     | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used as a solvent, food additive and in production of other chemicals.  |
| 2-Methoxyethanol (ppb)              | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used in a number of consumer products, such as synthetic cosmetics, perfumes, fragrances, hair preparations and skin lotions.   |
| 2-Propen-1-ol (ppb)                 | ND<br>2018           | - | - | Used in the production flavorings, perfumes and other chemicals.  |

## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

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

**CDC:** Centers for Disease Control

**CU:** Color Unit

**Inorganic Contaminants:** 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. These contaminants may be present in source water.

**LRAA:** Locational Running Annual Average; the average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

**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; 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.

**MCMUA:** Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

**Microbial Contaminants/Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes. These contaminants may be present in source water.

**MRDL:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level; 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.

**MRDLG:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal; the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

**NA:** Not applicable.

**ND:** Not detected.

**NJDWSC:** North Jersey District Water Supply Commission

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

**OEL:** Operational Evaluation Level; level of disinfection byproducts determined by calculating the average of the results at a location for the two previous quarters and two times the current quarter's results. If this value exceeds 60 ppb for HAA5s or 80 ppb for TTHMs, it initiates a comprehensive review of system operations and allows systems to take proactive steps to remain in compliance with the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Rule MCLs.

**ppb:** parts per billion

**ppm:** parts per million

**ppt:** parts per trillion

**PWS ID:** Public Water System Identification

**PVWC:** Passaic Valley Water Commission

**RAA:** Running Annual Average

**RUL:** Recommended Upper Limit; the highest level of a constituent of drinking water that is recommended in order to protect aesthetic quality.

**SMCMUA:** The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority

**TON:** Threshold Odor Number

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

**Turbidity:** Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants.

**USEPA:** United States Environmental Protection Agency



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## TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)

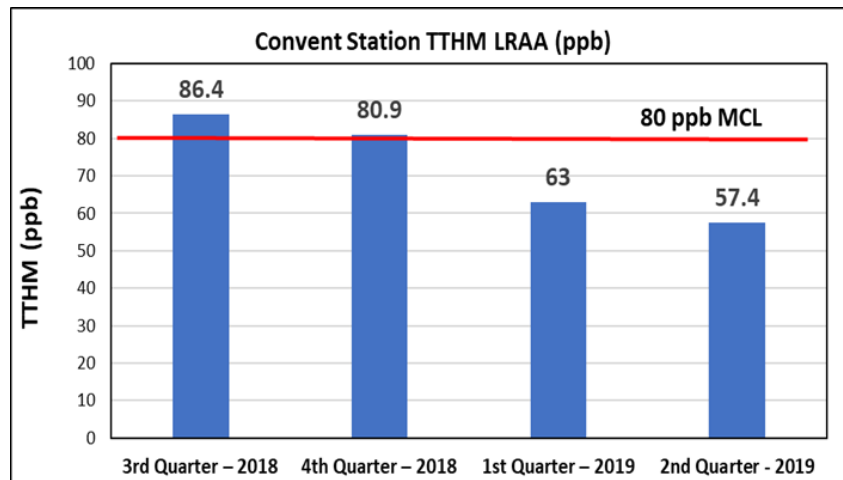
SMCMUA has regained compliance with the TTHM maximum contaminant level (MCL) as described in the following. Public notices providing details of this violation were previously mailed to all postal patrons in the SMCMUA's service area.

A total of eight (8) sites are sampled every quarter and compliance is determined by calculating the locational running annual average (LRAA) for each site. In order to achieve compliance, the LRAA for each site must be less than the 80 parts per billion (ppb) MCL for two consecutive quarters. In 2018, the LRAA exceeded the 80 ppb MCL at the Convent Station sample location which triggered the initial requirement to notify our customers. The MCL has not been exceeded at any of the other seven (7) sample locations.

The LRAA for the Convent Station sample location exceeded the MCL for the third and fourth quarter compliance periods of 2018, where the data is provided in Figure 1. The most recent results are also included in Figure 1 and demonstrate that the TTHM were below the MCL for two consecutive quarters, or for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters of 2019. In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the SMCMUA is in full compliance with the TTHM MCL now that the LRAA results are below the MCL for two (2) consecutive quarters.

A review of the original data indicated that the TTHM exceedance was a result of high water age in the area and due to purchased water quality. To mitigate the TTHM exceedance, SMCMUA improved water age by instituting a flushing program and modified the delivered source of finished water to an Authority owned groundwater supply. Future efforts will include installation of a permanent automatic flushing device, consider elimination of the dead end at this location, and to work with the purchased water provider to optimize finished water quality.

Figure 1.



## WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

**SMCMUA has many convenient options to pay your bill. NOTE: If you have an urgent shutoff notice, please pay online, by phone or in person.**

### Pay Online

Visit [www.smcmua.org](http://www.smcmua.org) and click "Pay Water Bill". From there, you can register your account on the new payment portal. Once registered, you will be able to pay your bill with a credit/debit card or Echeck, view your past bills, and sign up for Autopay and Paperless Billing. All you need to setup an account is an email address and your account number.

\*Convenience fees apply for credit or debit card payments.

### Pay by Phone

Call 1-844-562-2135, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for assistance (English and Spanish) with making a credit card, debit card, or Echeck payment. \*Convenience fees may apply.

### Pay by Mail

Mail payment to:

SMCMUA  
PO Box 16036  
Lewiston, ME 04243-9515

Please make sure your 12-digit account number is on your check.

### Pay in Person

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, at SMCMUA Headquarters, or use our convenient Drop Box located to the right of the front door 24/7. \*Cash or check accepted only.

### Register for Citizen Alerts for Water Emergencies

Visit our website at [www.smcmua.org](http://www.smcmua.org) to register for emergency notifications under the "Register for Citizen Alerts" button on the homepage.

It is recommended that all household members, and any employees in a place of business, sign up for these alerts to receive these emergency notifications.

### Update Your Contact Information

Please call Customer Service 973-326-6880 or email [customerservice@smcmua.org](mailto:customerservice@smcmua.org) to update your contact information.

SMCMUA utilizes this information to alert customers about possible disruptions in service, and other water related issues.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Board Meetings:** Contact our Customer Service Division, or visit our website, for SMCMUA's public meeting schedule.

**Protect and Preserve Local Water Resources:** Contact the Passaic River Coalition to get involved at 973-532-9830 or <http://passaicriver.org>.

**Whippany River Watershed Action Committee:** Contact WRWAC at 973-615-8136 or <http://www.wrwac.org>.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

Information available to the public about drinking water can be found using the references provided below:

| Agency  | Website  | Phone   |
|---|--|---|
| United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)     | <a href="http://water.epa.gov">http://water.epa.gov</a>  | Safe Drinking Water Information Hotline: 800-426-4791 |
| New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) | <a href="http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply">www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply</a>                                   | Bureau of Safe Drinking Water: 609-292-5550           |
| New Jersey American Water Works Association (NJAWWA)      | <a href="http://www.njawwa.org">www.njawwa.org</a><br><a href="http://www.drinktap.org">www.drinktap.org</a> | New Jersey AWWA: 866-436-1120                         |

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