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## 2024 Annual Water Quality Report

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In accordance with State and Federal health regulations, the Village, as a supplier of potable water to its residents, must annually provide information about the water supply system.

Our water supply is a spring-fed gravity flow system. The springs are located in Reddy Hollow in the Town of Dansville and flow via an underground pipeline to the reservoir at the edge of the Village on Oak Hill Street. In the early years of the past century, Village water was taken from Limekiln Creek. After the springs were developed in the 1950's, creek water could still be added to the supply if needed. By State regulations, open sources of water can no longer be utilized as potable water without being processed through a highly complex and expensive filtration plant. As a result, a secondary underground source was drilled off Henry Street. All testing indicated the quality and quantity met the standards established by the New York State Department of Health. MRB Group of Rochester completed engineering studies and construction was completed by January of 2002. The new well was tied into the current Village water distribution system. In 2022 the springs treatment plant had a new UV unit installed. Also including new piping work prior to the UV unit to improve the disinfection process.

Water from the springs is directed through filtration, UV system, and liquid chlorination, before it enters the concrete storage tank that supplies the distribution system. The well is treated with chlorination and UV before entering the distribution system. Daily monitoring and recorded readings are performed. Water samples are taken at various locations and are sent to Life Science Laboratory for testing. Our water supply also serves approximately 13 residences and 1 business in the Town of Hornellsville Water District #4. At various times of the year, as required by the Department of Health, tests are made to determine the presence, if any, of a multitude of possible contaminants. Arkport Village is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. All test results this past year met the standards of Part 5 of the New York State Sanitary Code. Pertinent questions regarding our Village water supply and systems should be directed to Village Office telephone 607-295-7346. Copies of all water test results are on file at the Village Offices and are available upon request for viewing.

The Village serves approximately 835 residents through approximately 378 service connections in the Village and approximately 26 individuals and 1 business through 14 service connections in the Town of Hornellsville WD #4. Residents are invited to attend the Village Board of Trustees Meeting, held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. At such time, you may address the Board with your concerns or questions about the safety of our water system. As water system owner /operators we 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 your drinking water meets health standards.

## **IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?**

During 2024, our system was in compliance with all applicable State drinking water monitoring and reporting requirements

## **WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?**

In general, 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 animal or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include, microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations that limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Departments and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

## **ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?**

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include, total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for 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.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, might be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the 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) or the Hornell District Office of the NYS Department of Health at 607-324-8371.

The following table lists contaminants that have been detected in the water test samples taken over the past five years. Although all contaminants were within the normal allowable tolerances, the Village is obligated to make this information known to the consumer. If you have any questions regarding the table, please contact the Village Office, 607-295-7346 or the NYSDOH, 107 Broadway, Hornell, NY, 607-324-8371.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/no	Date of sample	Level Detected  (avg/max) (range)	Unit of measure	MCLG	Regulator y Limit  (MCL,TT or AL)	Likely source of contamination
<b>Trihalomethanes</b>  Total Trihalomethanes <u>Village</u>  Village-spring entry point  <u>Hornellsville</u> WD #4	N  N  N	8/7/24  6/19/18  8/7/24	15.0  3.7  8.6	Ug/l  Ug/l  Ug/l	N/A  N/A  N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
<b>Haloacetic Acids</b>  Total HAA's (village)  <u>Hornellsville</u> WD#4	N  N	8/07/24  8/07/24	3.4  < 2	Ug/l  Ug/l	N/A  N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms.
<b>Nitrate</b>  <u>Well</u>  <u>springs</u>	N  N	10/1/24  10/1/24	5.3  2.5	Mg/L	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Barium</b>  <u>Well</u>  <u>springs</u>	N  N	8/23/21  10/4/23	0.13  0.039	Mg/L	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes. Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Radium 226</b> <u>springs</u>  <b>Radium 228</b> <u>springs</u>	N	10/4/23  10/4/23	1.00  1.00	pCi/L	0	Combined-5	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Radium 226</b> <u>well</u>  <b>Radium 228</b> <u>well</u>	N	10/4/23	1.00  1.00	pCi/L	0	Combined-5	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Gross alpha</b> -well  <u>springs</u>	N	10/4/23	3.00	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Gross beta</b> -well  <u>springs</u>	N	10/4/23	3.00	pCi/L	0	50	Decay of natural deposits and man-made emissions.

Contaminant	Violation Yes/no	Date of sample	Level Detected (avg/max) (range)	Unit of measure	MCLG	Regulator y Limit  (MCL,TT or AL)	Likely source of contamination
<b>Lead</b>	No	9/5/19	* 90 <sup>th</sup> % 0.0048 Range 0.0010 – 0.0060	mg/L	AL=15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Copper</b>	No	9/5/19	* 90 <sup>th</sup> % 0.12 Range 0.014 – 0.54	Mg/L	AL=1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives.
<b>Nickel</b> <u>Springs</u> <u>well</u>	No  No	10/4/23  8/23/21	0.0019  0.0030	Mg/L	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>cyanide</b>	No	10/4/23	3.2	Mg/l	0.2	0.2	Discharge from steel/metal factories; Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
<b>Antimony</b> <u>Springs</u>	No	Non- detect	0	Mg/L	0.006	0.003	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
<b>Selenium</b> <u>Springs</u>	No	Non- detect	0	Mg/L	N/A	N/A	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
<b>Chromium</b> <u>Springs</u>	No	8/22/22	< 0.0019	Mg/L	0.1	0.1	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion deposits
<b>Turbidity</b>	No	Daily	99.9% meeting std. of 0.30	NTU	N/A	TT=95% of Samples</ =0.30	Soil runoff.
<b>Turbidity</b>	No	Highest during month  September	Highest single measure  0.18	NTU	N/A	TT=<1	
<b>Turbidity</b>	No  No	Daily	Annual average 0.04  Range 0.01 – 0.35	Mg/L  Mg/L	N/A	TT=<1	

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Village CL2	No	Monthly	Annual average 0.69	Mg/L	4.00	4.00	Additive to treat microbes
	No		Range 0.37 - 1.16	Mg/L	4.00	4.00	
Hornellsville CL2	No	Monthly	Annual average 0.69	Mg/L	4.00	4.00	
	No		Range 0.27 - 1.06	Mg/L	4.00	4.00	
Total Organic Carbon	No	Quarterly	Annual average <1	Mg/L	4.00	4.00	level of organic molecules or contaminants in purified water
	No		Range <1	Mg/l	4.00	4.00	
Total Organic Carbon  Last Detection	No	Last Detection On  1-8-2020	1.1	Mg/l	4.00	4.00	level of organic molecules or contaminants in purified water

\* The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. Of the 10 samples taken the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for lead was 0.0048, and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for copper was 0.12. The lowest and highest sample result for lead and copper are in the table as the range. Neither the lead nor the copper levels exceeded the action level.

**Definitions:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**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.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** 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.

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

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking

**water.Non-Detects (ND):** Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present .

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is

**Nanograms per liter** (ng/l) means the nanograms of substance per liter of solution, and is equivalent to 10<sup>-12</sup> kilograms per liter or parts per trillion, assuming unit density.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L):** A measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr):** A measure of radiation absorbed by the body. **Million Fibers per Liter (MFL):** A measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**Turbidity:** Is a measure of the cloudiness or clarity

of the water. We test it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Our

State regulations require that turbidity must always be below 5 NTU. The regulations

require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 0.03 NTU.

### **Do I Need to Take Special Precautions?**

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immune-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 from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### **General Information on Lead in Drinking Water:**

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 Arkport is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials

within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested contact Village of Arkport. 607-294-7346 Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### **Why Save Water and How to Avoid Wasting It**

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life.
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers.
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire protection needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water, conservation tips include:

- Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So, get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can lose 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you could save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- **Check your toilets for leaks** by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions.