

# 2022 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

The City of Birmingham, The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are proud of the fine drinking water they supply and are honored to provide this report to you. The 2022 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. We will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason for concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

## ABOUT THE SYSTEM

The City of Birmingham purchases water from the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) at four locations. SOCWA provides GLWA water through its member distribution systems to a population of 210,000 within a 56 square mile area. Current members are Berkley, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield, and Southfield Township.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, watersheds in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. 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 GLWA's Detroit River source water for potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is based on a seven-tiered scale and ranges from very low to very high determined primarily using geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and potential contaminant sources. The report described GLWA's Detroit River intakes as highly susceptible to potential contamination. GLWA's water treatment plants that draw water from the Detroit River has historically provided satisfactory treatment and meets drinking water standards.

And/or

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 a seven-tiered scale ranging from "very 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.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. GLWA has an updated Surface Water Intake Protection plan for the Belle Isle intake. The plan has seven elements that include: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new water sources, public participation, and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment Report, please, contact GLWA at (313 926-8127).

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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (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 can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials, 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 storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- 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.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in the 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.

# KEY TO THE DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

SYMBOL	ABBREVIATION	DEFINITION / EXPLANATION
<b>AL</b>	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
<b>°C</b>	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
<b>&gt;</b>	Greater than	
<b>HAA5</b>	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, di-bromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>Level 1</b>	Level 1 Assessment	A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our system.
<b>LRAA</b>	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
<b>MCL</b>	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.
<b>MCLG</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow a margin of safety.
<b>MRDL</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
<b>MRDLG</b>	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 contaminants.
<b>n/a</b>	not applicable	
<b>ND</b>	Not Detected	
<b>NTU</b>	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
<b>pCi/L</b>	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
<b>ppb</b>	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
<b>ppm</b>	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
<b>RAA</b>	Running Annual Average	The average of all analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
<b>SMCL</b>	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	
<b>TT</b>	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
<b>TTHM</b>	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>µmhos</b>	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water

# 2022 SPRINGWELLS REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

## 2022 INORGANIC CHEMICALS • ANNUAL MONITORING AT PLANT FINISHED TAP

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	7/12/2022	ppm	4	4	0.60	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	7/12/2022	ppm	10	10	0.54	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	05/16/2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

## 2022 DISINFECTION RESIDUAL - MONITORING IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quarterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Chlorine Residual	2022	ppm	4	4	0.67	0.61-0.73	no	Water additive used to control microbes

## 2022 TURBIDITY - MONITORED EVERY 4 HOURS AT THE PLANT FINISHED WATER TAP

Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.25 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff

## 2022 SPECIAL MONITORING

Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	07/12/2022	ppm	n/a	n/a	5.6	Erosion of natural deposits

## REGULATED CONTAMINANT TREATMENT TECHNIQUE TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAINMENT

Total Organic Carbon ppm	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits
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These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2022 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

# 2022 LAKE HURON TAP WATER MINERAL ANALYSIS

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Turbidity	NTU	0.44	0.04	0.09
Total Solids	ppm	156	98	100
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	142	108	100
Aluminum	ppm	0.072	0.011	0.027
Iron	ppm	0.4	0.2	0.2
Copper	ppm	0.008	ND	0.001
Magnesium	ppm	8.4	7.2	6.2
Calcium	ppm	27.2	24.3	20.8
Sodium	ppm	5.3	4.5	4.0
Potassium	ppm	1.1	0.9	0.8
Manganese	ppm	0.001	ND	ND
Lead	ppm	ND	ND	ND
Zinc	ppm	0.070	ND	0.008
Silica	ppm	2.5	1.6	1.8
Sulfate	ppm	24.0	18.2	17.7
Chloride	ppm	10.6	8.3	8.0

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Phosphorus	ppm	0.48	0.39	0.36
Free Carbon Dioxide	ppm	7.3	4.5	4.8
Total Hardness	ppm	104	80	77
Total Alkalinity	ppm	90	74	66
Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	ND	ND	ND
Bi-Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	90	74	66
Non-Carbonate Hardness	ppm	30	ND	11
Chemical Oxygen Demand	ppm	6.6	ND	3.5
Dissolved Oxygen	ppm	14.0	9.2	9.7
Nitrite Nitrogen	ppm	ND	ND	ND
Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	0.51	0.30	0.31
Fluoride	ppm	0.79	0.62	0.57
pH		7.60	7.36	6.21
Specific Conductance @ 25 °C	µmhos	228	159	170
Temperature	°C	22.2	5.6	10.8

## 2022 MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS – MONTHLY MONITORING IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also E.coli positive.	0	no	Sanitary defects

## 2022 MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS – MONTHLY MONITORING IN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2022	ppb	n/a	80	24	12 – 35	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2022	ppb	n/a	60	14	10 - 18	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

## LEAD AND COPPER MONITORING AT THE CUSTOMER'S TAP IN 2022

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Range of Individual Samples Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2022	ppb	0	15	5	0	0 - 10	no	Lead services lines, corrosion of household, plumbing including fittings and fixtures. Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	2022	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.1	0	0.0 - 0.2	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system. Erosion of natural deposits.

\* 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.

## 2022 NUMBER OF WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS BY SERVICE LINE MATERIAL

Number of Lead Service Lines	Number of Service Lines of Unknown Material	Total Number of Service Lines
218	0	7979



# ABOUT UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where these contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Detection levels are in micro grams per Liter (1 µg/L = 1 ppb)

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT	AVERAGE LEVEL DETECTED	RANGE	YEAR SAMPLED	COMMENTS
Manganese	67	46 - 80	2019	Manganese is naturally occurring in many surface and ground water sources and in soils that may erode into these waters. However, human activities are also responsible for much of the manganese contamination in water in some areas
HAA5	12	11 - 13	2019	Disinfection byproduct
HAA6Br	6	6 - 7	2019	Disinfection byproduct
HAA9	18	16 - 18	2019	Disinfection byproduct

## 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. The City of Birmingham 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 the water for drinking or cooking. If you have a service that is lead, galvanized previously connected to lead, or unknown but likely to be lead, it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and lead service line. 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 1-800-462-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

## PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CONCERNS

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 at (800) 426-4791.

## QUESTIONS:

**Local Distribution: City of Birmingham (248) 530-1700**

**Southeastern Oakland County Water Supply System – Water Authority offices: (248) 288-5150. Visit our web site at [www.socwa.org](http://www.socwa.org)**

**Great Lakes Water Authority – [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org)**

**Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) - (586) 753-3755 – [www.michigan.gov/egle](http://www.michigan.gov/egle)**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791.**

**Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech>**