

# CITY OF SEVERY

## Consumer Confidence Report – 2017

### Covering Calendar Year – 2016



This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call TOM EUBANK at 620-736-2323.

Your water comes from :

Source Name	Source Water Type
INTAKE 999	Surface Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included 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 sources water before we treat it include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, 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 discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.
- Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.
- Organic contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system is required to test a minimum of 4 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

#### Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2016 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2016. The state requires 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. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

#### Terms & Abbreviations

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

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is 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.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

**Action Level (AL):** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

**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.

**Non-Detects (ND):** lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts per Million (ppm)** or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**Parts per Billion (ppb)** or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

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

**Millirems per Year (mrem/yr):** measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Monitoring Period Average (MPA):** An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

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

Testing Results for: CITY OF SEVERY

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	5/24/2016	0.044	0.044	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries
NITRATE	5/24/2016	0.15	0.15	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Your Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2016	420	49 - 190	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2016	258	120 - 340	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

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.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2014 - 2016	0.1245	0.0092 - 0.17	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD	2014 - 2016	3.6	1.3 - 5.2	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing

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. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Unresolved Date Identified	Deficiency	Facility	Comments
12/22/2016		WATER SYSTEM	The city did not have a bacteriological sampling site plan available for review during the inspection as required by K.A.R. 28-15a-21(a)(1). The city needs to submit a bacteriological sampling site plan to this office.
12/22/2016		WATER SYSTEM	The city did not have a lead and copper sampling site plan available for review during the inspection as required by K.A.R. 28-15a-86. The city needs to submit a lead and copper sampling site plan to this office.
12/22/2016		WATER SYSTEM	As noted from the previous inspection, the city has an emergency water supply plan but it has not been updated since 2002. The plan needs to be reviewed, updated, and submitted to this office. The plan is to be reviewed at least annually or updated whenever there is a change in system information. The review or updates need to be documented and the plan needs to be available for review by KDHE.
12/22/2016		WATER SYSTEM	The city currently uses a color wheel to determine chlorine residuals at the plant and within the distribution system. While the color wheel is an approved method to determine chlorine residual it is not being properly operated to determine a true chlorine residual. During the inspection readings between 5.6 mg/l and 5.9 mg/l free chlorine residual were measured within the distribution system. The color wheel is only capable of reading up to 3.5 mg/l unless the solution is diluted. The city was not diluting the sample but rather recording 3.5 as the reading. The maximum chlorine residual allowed in the distribution system is 4.0 mg/l of free or total chlorine residual. The city owns a new digital chlorine residual test meter. The city must begin using the digital meter or the city staff become properly trained on how to dilute a sample if it maxes out the color wheel chlorine residual capabilities. Please submit the daily distribution system chlorine residuals to this office on a monthly basis until further notice.
12/22/2016		WATER SYSTEM	During the inspection it was determined that the filter continuous monitoring turbidimeter was not being operated according to manufacturer's recommendation. The meter had approximately 100 ml of water flowing through the meter and the manufacturer's recommendation for proper operation is 300 ml per minute of flow. During the inspection the flow was increased to 300 ml per minute. Additionally KAR 28-15a-174 and KAR 28-15a-560 requires that the turbidity data be recorded every 15 minutes of plant operations and at least three years of data be stored and made available for review on request. At the time of the inspection it could not be determined if any data was being recorded or stored. The city must develop a system to meet this requirement and provide the data to this office monthly until further notice.

Total Organic Carbon Lowest Month for Removal	Number of Samples	Actual Removal Ratio	Required Removal Ratio	Lowest Monthly Removal Ratio
6/1/2016-6/31/2016	12	-0.90	1.0 RATIO	0

Secondary Contaminants-Non Health Based Contaminants-No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established.	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	5/24/2016	91	91	MG/L	300
ALUMINUM	5/24/2016	0.025	0.025	MG/L	0.05
CALCIUM	5/24/2016	83	83	MG/L	200
CHLORIDE	5/24/2016	41	41	MG/L	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOS/CM	5/24/2016	860	860	UMHO/CM	1500
CORROSIVITY	5/24/2016	0.39	0.39	LANG	0
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	5/24/2016	400	400	MG/L	400
IRON	5/24/2016	0.021	0.021	MG/L	0.3
MAGNESIUM	5/24/2016	47	47	MG/L	150
MANGANESE	5/24/2016	0.018	0.018	MG/L	0.05
PH	5/24/2016	7.3	7.3	PH	8.5
POTASSIUM	5/24/2016	3.2	3.2	MG/L	100
SILICA	5/24/2016	3.6	3.6	MG/L	50
SODIUM	5/24/2016	36	36	MG/L	100
SULFATE	5/24/2016	310	310	MG/L	250
TDS	5/24/2016	580	580	MG/L	500
ZINC	5/24/2016	0.01	0.01	MG/L	5

**Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.**

During the 2016 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
1/1/2016 - 3/31/2016	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	EXCEEDED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
1/1/2016 - 3/31/2016	TTHM	EXCEEDED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
1/1/2016 - 3/31/2016	CARBON, TOTAL	INADEQUATE DBP PRECURSOR REMOVAL
1/1/2016 - 3/31/2016	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
4/1/2016 - 6/30/2016	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	EXCEEDED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
4/1/2016 - 6/30/2016	TTHM	EXCEEDED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
4/1/2016 - 6/30/2016	CARBON, TOTAL	INADEQUATE DBP PRECURSOR REMOVAL
4/1/2016 - 6/30/2016	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
4/1/2016 - 6/30/2016	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
4/1/2016 - 6/30/2016	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
7/1/2016 - 9/30/2016	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	EXCEEDED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
7/1/2016 - 9/30/2016	TTHM	EXCEEDED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
7/1/2016 - 9/30/2016	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
7/1/2016 - 9/30/2016	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
8/1/2016 - 8/31/2016	TURBIDITY	MONTHLY COMB FLTR EFFLUENT (IESWTR/LT1)
9/1/2016 - 9/30/2016	TURBIDITY	MONTHLY COMB FLTR EFFLUENT (IESWTR/LT1)
9/1/2016 - 9/30/2016	CARBON, TOTAL	INADEQUATE DBP PRECURSOR REMOVAL
9/1/2016 - 9/30/2016	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
9/1/2016 - 9/30/2016	PUBLIC NOTICE	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION
10/1/2016 - 10/31/2016	TURBIDITY	MONTHLY COMB FLTR EFFLUENT (IESWTR/LT1)
10/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	EXCEEDED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
10/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	TTHM	EXCEEDED MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)
11/1/2016 - 11/30/2016	TURBIDITY	MONTHLY COMB FLTR EFFLUENT (IESWTR/LT1)
12/30/2016	LEAD & COPPER RULE	FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO KDHE A CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY CERTIFYING THAT LEAD SAMPLE RESULTS FROM LEAD AND COPPER MONITORING WAS PROVIDED TO CONSUMERS.