

City of Gervais

Drinking Water Report****2015 Sampling Results

We provide quality drinking water that meets all federal and state requirements.

During recent years we have sampled many different chemicals for contamination. Contamination is anything other than pure water. We sample total coliform bacteria as an indicator of microorganisms (bacteria, viruses and other small creatures) that should not be present. The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the past calendar year or in our most recent tests as noted. 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 a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling 503-871-6112 or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

EPA's website is www.epa.gov/safewater

Terms and Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): 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. **IDEAL GOAL**

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): 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. **HIGHEST LEVEL ALLOWED**

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **na:** not applicable **nd:** not detectable at testing limit

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter (1 drop in 1 million gallons) **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter (1 drop in 1 billion gallons) **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).

Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Our Water	Sample Date	Exceedance / Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	0	15AL	4	7-20-15	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3AL	0.147	7-20-15	No	Corrosive water & home plumbing
Arsenic (ppb)	na	10	4	3-14-13	No	Natural deposits, orchards, glass & electronic production wastes
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	na	80	2.75	7-15-15	No	Disinfection byproduct

WE HAD NO VIOLATIONS!

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The Drinking Water Program has identified criteria for determining whether a community public water system has provided safe water to the public and should be considered to have "Outstanding Performance". **The City of Gervais received this designation on November 2, 2010 and again on September 10, 2015.**