

2021 Water Quality Report for the Village of Pinckney

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This report covers the drinking water quality for the Village of Pinckney (VOP) for the 2021 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2021. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and state standards.

Our water source is from groundwater. In 1990 the VOP installed two wells that comprise the wellfield; they are situated in a sandstone aquifer at a depth of 200 feet. The wells are both 12-inch production wells, and have the capacity to pump 500 gallons per minute. The well logs show an abundance of gray clay approximately 30 feet in depth in this area. The bedrock of water-bearing sandstone interbedded with limestone and shale was reached at 60 feet.

In June of 1997 the VOP established a Wellhead Protection Plan, a voluntary program to protect our source water from potential sources of groundwater contamination. By reducing the threat of contamination of our wells it may allow us to defer or waive certain costly monitoring requirements. To help indicate the susceptibility of the groundwater to contamination, we have tested our source water for tritium. Tritium is a naturally occurring isotope whose presence increased as a result of nuclear weapons testing in the 1950's causing groundwater to be "tagged" with excess tritium. Groundwater recharged prior to the 1950's will have a tritium level at or below one "tritium unit" (TU). Our system detected tritium at <0.8 and may be considered not as vulnerable to contamination as water with higher tritium levels. Although tritium levels may indicate an aquifer is "not vulnerable," it is important to realize that a potential for contamination may still exist. For that reason, we've taken steps to protect our wellhead area.

Contaminants and their presence in 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 Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-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 systems 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. USEPA/Center for Disease Control 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).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from 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 and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2021 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2021. 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. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- N/A: Not applicable
- ND: not detectable at testing limit
- ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter
- ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- Level 1 Assessment: A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- Level 2 Assessment: A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

1 Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	7	N/A	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Cyanide (ppm)	0.2	0.2	ND	N/A	2021	No	Discharge from chemical factories
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.095	N/A	2021	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	ND	N/A	2021	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.22	N/A	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium ¹ (ppm)	N/A	N/A	20.0	N/A	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	20	N/A	2021	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	5	N/A	2020	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine ² (ppm)	4	4	0.35	0.10 - 0.60	2021	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	4.3	4.3 +/- 2.0	2018	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	2.6	N/A	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliform (total number or % of positive samples/month)	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2021	No	Naturally present in the environment

¹ Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

² The chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

Inorganic Contaminant Subject to ALs	AL	MCLG	Your Water ³	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	1	0 - 2	2020	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.1 – 0.4	2020	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

³ Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

Information about 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. Village of Pinckney 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 have a lead service line, it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

While your drinking water meets the U.S. EPA standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The U.S. EPA standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the USEPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We failed to meet all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2021. We sampled for Complete Metals, Nitrate, PFAS, SOCs and VOCs as required. However, for disinfection byproducts we did not sample for one of the two requirements: Haloacetic Acids. Our Haloacetic Acid results were acceptable in 2020 and we no reason to believe that 2021 was any different. We will sample this again in 2022. This is a reporting oversight and does not impact the quality of the water.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year as they happen. Copies are available at the VOP office at 220 South Howell, Pinckney, MI. Office hours are from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday. This report will not be mailed to individual customers. It can be viewed at the VOP offices or Website, Public Library, Post office, or the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD).

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. You can attend the VOP regular scheduled council meetings, on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm at 220 South Howell, Pinckney, MI. For more information about your water or the contents of this report, contact Mike Hughes via email at dpwmike@villageofpinckney.org. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the USEPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

We at the Village of Pinckney work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us to protect our water sources, which is the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's children's future.