

# 2015 Annual Drinking WATER QUALITY REPORT

THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

SMCMUA is pleased to share this 2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report with you, our consumer, in accordance with the Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Acts. This information is being made available so that you can learn more about the finished water delivered to your tap. *We ask our consumers to be attentive to the messages contained in this report regarding vulnerable populations and persons on sodium restricted diets; these persons should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.*

This report provides a summary of water quality data collected for the raw and finished (treated) water sources introduced into our service area, including surface and groundwater supplies owned by SMCMUA and supplies purchased from Passaic Valley Water Commission (PVWC) and Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA). The report includes data for regulated contaminants, secondary (aesthetic) parameters and unregulated contaminants. All three sources of supply exceeded the Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) for sodium. High sodium, chloride and total dissolved solids values are attributed to the use of sodium chloride for deicing of roads.

As our consumers and our customers, we encourage you to review this report. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Department at 973-326-6880 or by email at [customerservice@smcmua.org](mailto:customerservice@smcmua.org).

Sincerely,  
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Board Chairman

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## Information About Your Drinking Water

- This report contains important information about your drinking water. If you do not understand it, please have someone translate it for you.
- Este informe contiene información importante sobre su agua potable. Si no lo entiende, por favor alguien tiene que traducir para usted.

## SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (SMCMUA) WATER SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

SMCMUA, a public entity created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et seq., provides potable water and water services to customers within its creating municipalities or District (the Town of Morristown, the Township of Morris, the Township of Hanover, and Borough of Morris Plains) as well as to certain customers and municipalities outside its District including the Townships of Chatham, Mendham, Harding, Randolph and Parsippany-Troy Hills and the Borough of Florham Park. It also supplies water at wholesale rates to the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA). The Authority provides water to approximately 68,000 residents, delivering approximately 8.7 MGD on an average daily basis and in excess of 15.0 MGD during peak demand periods.

SMCMUA treats and distributes surface water from the Clyde Potts Reservoir and from groundwater sources originating from the glacial sand and gravel aquifer and the Brunswick aquifer. Clyde Potts Reservoir water is treated using membrane filtration, granular activated carbon adsorption and chlorine disinfection. All of the groundwater sources receive chlorine disinfection, two of the wells use air strippers for the removal of volatile organic contaminants and two wells use a filtration process for the removal of manganese.

SMCMUA purchases finished water through interconnections with the MCMUA and PVWC. Finished water from MCMUA originates from groundwater sources. Finished water purchased from PVWC is a blend of water obtained from PVWC's Little Falls Water Treatment Plant (LFWTP) and/or from the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission's (NJDWSC's) Wanaque Water Treatment Plant. The LFWTP treats mostly Passaic and Pompton River waters using a treatment process consisting of coagulation, sedimentation, ozone primary disinfection, granular activated carbon/sand filtration and chlorine secondary disinfection. The Wanaque Water Treatment Plant treats Wanaque Reservoir water using a treatment process consisting of coagulation, sedimentation, anthracite/sand filtration and primary and secondary chlorine disinfection.

## SOURCES OF CONTAMINANTS IN TAP AND BOTTLED 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 at 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 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, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and that can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater 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, USEPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

## VULNERABLE 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 system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/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).

## SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SWAP)

The purpose of NJDEP's SWAP is to provide for the protection and benefit of public water systems and to increase public awareness and involvement in protecting the sources of public drinking water; information is available through [www.state.nj.us/dep/swap](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap). The SWAP Plan identified susceptibility ratings for eight contaminant categories identified below for each source for the system. Each contaminant group was assigned a susceptibility rating of L-low, M-medium and H-high. If a drinking water source's susceptibility rate is high, it does not necessarily mean the drinking water is contaminated. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. SMCMUA has identified the watershed and wellhead protection areas for the Clyde Potts Reservoir and for the ground water sources owned by SMCMUA.

The contaminant categories include:

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides:** Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to <http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm> or call 609-984-5425.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors:** A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

The susceptibility ratings for all of the source waters treated and distributed to SMCMUA's service area are included in Table 1 below.

**TABLE 1  
SUSCEPTIBILITY RATINGS**

| Sources                   | Pathogens |    |   | Nutrients |   |   | Pesticides |   |   | Volatile Organic Compounds |   |   | Inorganics |   |   | Radio-nuclides |   |   | Radon |   |   | Disinfection Byproduct Precursors |   |   |
|---------------------------|-----------|----|---|-----------|---|---|------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|---|------------|---|---|----------------|---|---|-------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|
|                           | H         | M  | L | H         | M | L | H          | M | L | H                          | M | L | H          | M | L | H              | M | L | H     | M | L | H                                 | M | L |
| SMCMUA                    |           |    |   |           |   |   |            |   |   |                            |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |       |   |   |                                   |   |   |
| Wells – 11                |           | 10 | 1 | 10        | 1 |   |            | 2 | 9 | 11                         |   |   | 5          | 6 |   | 2              | 9 |   | 11    |   |   | 6                                 | 5 |   |
| Surface water intakes – 1 | 1         |    |   |           | 1 |   |            |   | 1 |                            | 1 |   | 1          |   |   |                |   | 1 |       |   | 1 | 1                                 |   |   |
| MCMUA                     |           |    |   |           |   |   |            |   |   |                            |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |       |   |   |                                   |   |   |
| Wells – 8                 |           | 8  |   | 4         | 2 | 2 |            | 2 | 6 | 2                          |   | 6 |            | 1 | 7 | 1              | 6 | 1 | 2     | 6 |   | 5                                 | 3 |   |
| PVWC's LFWTP              |           |    |   |           |   |   |            |   |   |                            |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |       |   |   |                                   |   |   |
| Surface water intakes – 4 | 4         |    |   | 4         |   |   |            | 1 | 3 |                            | 4 |   | 4          |   |   |                |   | 4 |       |   | 4 | 4                                 |   |   |
| NJDWSC's Wanaque WTP      |           |    |   |           |   |   |            |   |   |                            |   |   |            |   |   |                |   |   |       |   |   |                                   |   |   |
| Surface water intakes – 5 | 5         |    |   | 5         |   |   |            | 2 | 3 |                            | 5 |   | 5          |   |   |                |   | 5 |       |   | 5 | 5                                 |   |   |

### CRYPTOSPORIDIUM

The USEPA requires surface water systems to monitor for *Cryptosporidium* and *E. coli* in the sourcewaters. A second round of required monitoring was implemented in 2015 that requires monthly sampling of the source water for a total of 24 consecutive months where the results of the full studies will be utilized to identify the need to install additional treatment if necessary. This monitoring requirement applies to SMCMUA's Clyde Potts Water Treatment Plant (WTP), PVWC's Little Falls WTP (LFWTP) and NJDWSC's Wanaque WTP. SMCMUA purchases water from PVWC that may consist of finished water from the LFWTP, Wanaque WTP or a blend of the two. Table 2 below summarizes the data collected to date for this program, including *Giardia* results collected for informational purposes.

**TABLE 2**

| CONTAMINANT                        | SMCMUA PWS ID NJ1424001 | PVWC PWS ID NJ1605002<br>NJDWSC PWS ID NJ1613001 | MCMUA PWS ID NJ1432001 | TYPICAL SOURCE  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| <i>Cryptosporidium</i> , Oocysts/L | ND - 0.089              | ND - 0.78  | NA                     | Microbial pathogens found in surface waters throughout the United States. |
| <i>Giardia</i> , Cysts/L           | ND - 0.100              | ND - 0.744                                       | NA                     |   |
| <i>E. coli</i> , MPN /100 mL       | ND - 20.1               | 22.8 – >2419.6                                   | NA                     |   |

**TABLE 3**  
**2015 TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS COLLECTED FROM WATER OBTAINED AT THE POINTS OF ENTRY**

The State of New Jersey allows the Authority to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of this data, though representative, is more than one year old.

| PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS                      | Compliance Achieved | MCLG | MCL  | SMCMUA PWS ID NJ1424001                          | Purchased Water Results                       |   | TYPICAL SOURCE                              |  |
|---|---------------------|------|--|--|---|---|---|--|
|   |                     |      |  |  | PVWC PWS ID NJ1605002 NJDWSC PWS ID NJ1613001 | MCMUA PWS ID NJ1432001                      |   |  |
| <b>TURBIDITY AND TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON</b> |                     |      |  | <b>Highest Result, Range and Year of Results</b> |   |   |   |  |
| Turbidity* (NTU)                          | Yes                 | NA   | TT = 1   | 0.197 (0.013 - 0.197) 2015                       | 0.53 - 0.53                                   | (0.02) 2015                                 | N/A   | Soil runoff.   |
|   | Yes                 | NA   | TT = percentage of samples <0.3 NTU (min 95% required) | 100% 2015  | 99.97% 2015                                   | N/A   | N/A   |  |
| Total Organic Carbon (%)                  | Yes                 | NA   | TT = % removal   | N/A  | (25 - 45% required) (Range 46 - 72%) 2015     | N/A   | N/A   | Naturally present in the environment.  |
| <b>CONTAMINANTS</b>                       |                     |      |  | <b>Highest Result, Range and Year of Results</b> |   |   |   |  |
| Methyl t-Butyl Ether (ppb)                | Yes                 | 70   | 70   | 5.0 Highest RAA (ND - 5.6) 2015                  | ND  | 2015  | 0.24 (ND - 0.24) 2015                       | Leaking underground gasoline and fuel oil tanks; gasoline and fuel spills                              |
| Arsenic (ppb)                             | Yes                 | NA   | 5  | ND 2015  | ND  | 2015  | 0.5 (ND - 0.5) 2014                         | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes |
| Antimony (ppb)                            | Yes                 | 6    | 6  | ND 2015  | ND  | 2015  | ND 2014                                     | Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder.                   |
| Barium (ppm)                              | Yes                 | 2    | 2  | 0.53 (0.032 - 0.53) 2015                         | 0.027 - 0.027                                 | (0.013) 2015                                | 0.8 (ND - 0.8) 2014                         | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Chromium (ppb)                            | Yes                 | 100  | 100  | 12 (ND - 12) 2015                                | 0.57 (ND - 0.57) 2015                         | 1.6 (ND - 1.4) 2014                         | 1.6 (ND - 1.4) 2014                         | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.                                      |
| Fluoride (ppm)                            | Yes                 | 4    | 4  | ND 2015  | 0.09 (ND - 0.09) 2015                         | 0.2 (0.06 - 0.2) 2014                       | 0.2 (0.06 - 0.2) 2014                       | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Nickel (ppb)                              | NA                  | NA   | NA   | 1.2 (ND - 1.2) 2015                              | 1.98 (ND - 1.98) 2015                         | 1.9 (ND - 1.9) 2014                         | 1.9 (ND - 1.9) 2014                         | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Nitrate <sup>1</sup> (ppm)                | Yes                 | 10   | 10   | 2.7 (ND - 2.7) 2015                              | 3.7 (0.503 - 3.7) 2015                        | 2.6 (0.6 - 2.6) 2015                        | 2.6 (0.6 - 2.6) 2015                        | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.           |
| Nitrite (ppm)                             | Yes                 | 1    | 1  | ND 2015  | ND 2012 - 2014                                | ND 2008 - 2011                              | ND 2008 - 2011                              | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.           |
| Selenium (ppb)                            | Yes                 | 50   | 50   | ND 2015  | 0.69 - 0.69 2015                              | (ND) 2015                                   | 0.9 (ND - 0.9) 2014                         | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)                    | Yes                 | 0    | 15   | 8.7 (ND - 8.7) 2011 - 2014                       | ND 2014                                       | 0.9 Highest Average (ND - 3.6) 2011         | 0.9 Highest Average (ND - 3.6) 2011         | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Combined Radium 226 & 228 (pCi/L)         | Yes                 | 0    | 5  | 1.37 (ND - 1.37) 2011 - 2014                     | ND 2014                                       | 1.2 Highest Average (ND - 2.16) 2008 - 2011 | 1.2 Highest Average (ND - 2.16) 2008 - 2011 | Erosion of natural deposits.   |

**TABLE 4**  
**2015 TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS COLLECTED FROM WATER WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PIPE NETWORK**

| PRIMARY CONTAMINANTS   | Compliance Achieved | MCLG | MCL                                | DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SAMPLE RESULTS                      | TYPICAL SOURCE                             |
|--|---------------------|------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS</b>  |                     |      |                                    | <b>Highest Monthly Result</b>                           |  |
| Total Coliform Bacteria (%)  | Yes                 | 0    | 5% of monthly samples are positive | 1.3% (1 out of 77 samples were Total Coliform positive) | Naturally present in the environment.      |
| <b>DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS - STAGE II</b>  |                     |      |                                    | <b>Highest LRAA and Range of Results</b>                |  |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)  | Yes                 | NA   | 60                                 | 36.5 (4.9 - 43.0)                                       | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)   | Yes                 | NA   | 80                                 | 61.0 (26.8 - 67.7)                                      | By-product of drinking water disinfection. |
| 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. |                     |      |                                    |   |  |
| <b>DISINFECTANTS</b>   |                     |      |                                    | <b>Highest RAA and Range of Results</b>                 |  |
| Chlorine (ppm)   | Yes                 | 4    | 4                                  | 1.88 Highest RAA (0.00 - 3.02)                          | Water additive used to control microbes.   |

**1 IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER: Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority.**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

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 our drinking water meets health standards. During 2015 we did not complete all monitoring for nitrate and, therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. SMCMUA is required to collect one sample annually for nitrate analysis from each source of water that we treat. During 2015, samples were collected for nitrate analysis from our surface water treatment facility and from 8 of the 9 well water facilities.

There is nothing you need to do at this time. The original sample date of the sample that was not collected was December 16, 2015. A follow-up sample was collected from the well that was missed during the 2015 monitoring period on January 28, 2016. Nitrate was detected in the sample at a concentration of 3.3 mg/L. The Maximum Contaminant Level for nitrate is 10.0 mg/L. No further corrective action is required at this time.

## 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 Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority 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. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Request a Lead Sampling Kit for your home by contacting our Customer Service Department.

- Visit <http://smcmua.org/Lead.htm> to obtain information on how to identify lead-free certification marks for drinking water system and plumbing materials.
- EPA and NJDEP Consumer and School/Childcare Information on Lead is available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead.html>

### TABLE 5

| Contaminant  | Compliance Achieved | MCLG | Action Level | 90th Percentile                                   | Typical Source                           |
|--------------|---------------------|------|--------------|---|--|
| Copper (ppm) | Yes                 | 1.3  | 1.3          | 0.5 (none of the 30 samples exceeded the AL) 2014 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems. |
| Lead (ppb)   | Yes                 | 0    | 15           | 5.4 (1 out of 30 samples exceeded the AL) 2014    | Corrosion of household plumbing systems. |

The next lead and copper sample event is scheduled for 2017.

### TABLE 6 2015 SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS

| Contaminant                                     | N.J. Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) | SMCMUA PWSID NJ1424001 2015 Data |              | PVWC-Little Falls WTP PWSID NJ1605002 NJDWSC-Wanaque WTP PWSID NJ1613001 |              | MCMUA PWSID NJ1432001 2011-2014 Data |              |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|   |                                    | Range of Results                 | RUL Achieved | Range of Results   | RUL Achieved | Range of Results                     | RUL Achieved |
| A.B.S./L.A.S., ppm                              | 0.5                                | ND                               | Yes          | ND - 0.11  | Yes          | ND                                   | Yes          |
| Alkalinity, ppm                                 | NA                                 | 15.9 - 218                       | NA           | 41 - 66  | NA           | 19.5 - 108.5                         | NA           |
| Aluminum, ppb                                   | 200                                | ND - 3.5                         | Yes          | 11 - 50  | Yes          | 0.76 - 15.9                          | Yes          |
| Chloride, ppm                                   | 250                                | 36 - 270                         | No           | 80 - 188   | Yes          | 5.7 - 122.8                          | Yes          |
| Color, CU                                       | 10                                 | ND - 5                           | Yes          | ND - 1   | Yes          | ND                                   | Yes          |
| Corrosivity                                     | Non-Corrosive                      | Corrosive*                       | No           | Non-Corrosive  | Yes          | Corrosive*                           | No           |
| Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), ppm           | 250                                | 37 - 390                         | No           | 72 - 142   | Yes          | 58 - 136                             | Yes          |
| Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), grains/gallon | 14.6                               | 2.2 - 22.8                       | No           | 4.0 - 8.0  | Yes          | 3.4 - 8.0                            | Yes          |
| Iron, ppb                                       | 300                                | ND - 56                          | Yes          | ND - 7   | Yes          | ND                                   | Yes          |
| Manganese, ppb                                  | 50                                 | ND - 26                          | Yes          | ND - 8   | Yes          | ND - 2.34                            | Yes          |
| Odor, TON                                       | 3                                  | ND - 3                           | Yes          | ND - 14  | No           | ND - 2                               | Yes          |
| pH  | 6.5 to 8.5                         | 6.4 - 8.1                        | No           | 7.99 - 8.34  | Yes          | 5.5 - 8.0                            | No           |
| Sodium <sup>2</sup> , ppm                       | 50                                 | 18 - 93                          | No           | 47 - 281   | No           | 5.9 - 63.3                           | No           |
| Sulfate, ppm                                    | 250                                | 5.9 - 73                         | Yes          | Nov-89   | Yes          | ND - 12.6                            | Yes          |
| Total Dissolved Solids, ppm                     | 500                                | 120 - 950                        | No           | 159 - 450  | Yes          | 87 - 309.5                           | Yes          |
| Zinc, ppb                                       | 5,000                              | ND - 180                         | Yes          | ND - 5.0   | Yes          | 0.64 - 11.4                          | Yes          |

<sup>2</sup> **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER: SODIUM RECOMMENDED UPPER LIMIT EXCEEDED.** Persons on sodium restricted diets may be concerned about the sodium levels in the finished water above the New Jersey Recommended Upper Limit (RUL) of 50 ppm. Sodium was detected in the distribution system at levels ranging between 18.0 and 93.0 ppm. The highest concentrations of sodium in 2015 are attributed to SMCMUA's Morris Plains Well and to the water purchased from PVWC. Sodium is naturally present in the source water and its presence may also be the result of the use of road salt for de-icing roadways. For healthy individuals, the sodium intake from water is not important because a much greater intake of sodium takes place from salt in the diet; **however, persons on sodium restricted diets should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.**

### THIRD UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE

The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) amendments require that once every five years EPA issue a new list of no more than 30 unregulated contaminants to be monitored by public water systems. The third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 3) was published on May 2, 2012. UCMR 3 required monitoring for 28 contaminants between 2013 and 2015 using analytical methods developed by EPA, consensus organizations or both. This monitoring provides a basis for future regulatory actions to protect public health.

The UCMR 3 regulation required SMCMA to monitor at the points-of-entry to the distribution system for the Clyde Potts Water Treatment Plant and for each of SMCMA's nine (9) well systems and also within the distribution system. Purchased water suppliers were also required to monitor in accordance with the UCMR 3 for the same unregulated contaminants. Table 7 below provides the list of the 28 contaminants monitored and the range of detection for SMCMA owned and purchased water supplies.

**TABLE 7  
UCMR 3 UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

| UCMR3 CONTAMINANTS                         | SMCMA PWS ID<br>NJ1424001<br>2015 | Purchased Water Results   |                                   | TYPICAL SOURCE   |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
|  |                                   | PVWC PWS ID<br>NJ1605002<br>NJDWSC PWS<br>ID NJ1613001<br>2013 - 2014 | MCMUA PWS ID<br>NJ1432001<br>2015 |  |
| Highest Result, Range                      |                                   |   |                                   |  |
| equilin (ppb)                              | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is an estrogenic hormone and is used in pharmaceuticals.  |
| estradiol (ppb)                            | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is an estrogenic hormone and is used in pharmaceuticals.  |
| estriol (ppb)                              | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is an estrogenic hormone and is used in veterinary pharmaceuticals.   |
| estrone (ppb)                              | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is an estrogenic hormone and is used in veterinary and human pharmaceuticals.   |
| ethynylestradiol (ppb)                     | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is an estrogenic hormone and is used in veterinary and human pharmaceuticals.   |
| androstenedione (ppb)                      | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is an endogenous androgen steroid hormone and intermediate in the biosynthesis of testosterone.   |
| testosterone (ppb)                         | ND                                | ND - 0.00097  | ND                                | Androgenic steroid naturally produced in the human body; and used in pharmaceuticals.  |
| chromium (total) (ppb)                     | ND - 0.7                          | ND - 0.36   | ND - 1.2                          | Naturally-occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys; used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preservation.                     |
| cobalt (ppb)                               | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is a naturally-occurring element and was formerly used as cobalt chloride in medicines and as a germicide.  |
| molybdenum (ppb)                           | ND - 1.7                          | ND  | ND                                | It is a naturally-occurring element and is commonly used as molybdenum trioxide as a chemical reagent.   |
| strontium (ppb)                            | 71 - 440                          | 40 - 150  | 29 - 53                           | It is naturally-occurring element and is used as strontium carbonate in pyrotechnics, in steel production, as a catalyst and as a lead scavenger.                          |
| vanadium (ppb)                             | ND - 1.8                          | ND - 0.31   | ND - 1.4                          | It is a naturally-occurring element and is commonly used as vanadium pentoxide in the production of other substances and as a catalyst.                                    |
| 1,1-dichloroethane (ppb)                   | ND - 0.07                         | ND  | ND                                | It is an industrial chemical used as a solvent.  |
| 1,2,3-trichloropropane (ppb)               | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is an industrial chemical used in paint manufacture.  |
| 1,3-butadiene (ppb)                        | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is an industrial chemical used in rubber production.  |
| bromochloromethane (ppb)                   | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | Used as a fire-extinguishing fluid, an explosive suppressant, and as a solvent in the manufacturing of pesticides.   |
| bromomethane (ppb)                         | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | Halogenated alkane; occurs as a gas, and used as a fumigant on soil before planting, on crops after harvest, on vehicles and buildings and for other specialized purposes. |
| chlorodifluoromethane (ppb)                | ND - 5.3                          | ND  | ND                                | Chlorofluorocarbon; occurs as a gas, and used as a refrigerant, as a low-temperature solvent, and in fluorocarbon resins, especially tetrafluoroethylene polymers.         |
| chloromethane (ppb)                        | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | It is used as a foaming agent and in the production of other substances.   |
| chromium-6 (ppb)                           | ND - 0.72                         | ND - 0.12   | 0.29 - 0.67                       | Naturally-occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys; used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preservation.                     |
| 1,4-dioxane (ppb)                          | ND - 0.6                          | ND - 0.135  | ND                                | It is used as a solvent or solvent stabilizer in the manufacture and processing of paper, cotton, textile products, automotive coolant, cosmetics and shampoos.            |
| Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppb)  | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant.   |
| Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) (ppb)      | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant.   |
| Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppb) | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant.   |
| Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppb)        | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | Manmade chemical; used in products to make them stain, grease, heat and water resistant.   |
| Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppb)        | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | PFOA is used in the manufacture of fluoropolymers, substances which provide non-stick surfaces on cookware and waterproof, breathable membranes for clothing               |
| Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) (ppb)     | ND                                | ND  | ND                                | PFOS was used in firefighting foams and various surfactant uses; few of which are still ongoing because no alternatives are available.                                     |
| chlorate (ppb)                             | 26 - 180                          | 36 - 430  | ND - 120                          | Chlorate compounds are used in agriculture as defoliant or desiccants and may occur in drinking water related to use of disinfectants such as chlorine dioxide.            |

## DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

- AL:** Action Level; the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- CU:** Color unit
- CDC:** Centers for Disease Control
- USEPA:** United States Environmental Protection Agency
- Inorganic Contaminants:** 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. These contaminants may be present in source water.
- LRAA:** Locational Running Annual Average; the average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.
- MCL:** 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.
- MCLG:** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal; 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.
- MCMUA:** Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
- Microbial Contaminants/Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes. These contaminants may be present in source water.
- MRDL:** Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level; 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.
- MRDLG:** 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 contamination.
- NA:** Not applicable
- ND:** Not detected
- NJDWSC:** North Jersey District Water Supply Commission
- NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
- OEL:** Operational Evaluation Level; level of disinfection byproducts determined by calculating the average of the results at a location for the two previous quarters and two times the current quarter's results. If this value exceeds 60 ppb for HAA5s or 80 ppb for TTHMs, it initiates a comprehensive review of system operations and allows systems to take proactive steps to remain in compliance with the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Rule MCLs.
- Organic Contaminants/Volatile Organic Compounds:** Compounds, 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. Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- Pesticides/Herbicides:** Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses and may be present in source water. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- ppb:** parts per billion
- ppm:** parts per million
- PWS ID:** Public Water System Identification
- PVWC:** Passaic Valley Water Commission
- RAA:** Running annual average.
- RUL:** Recommended Upper Limit; the highest level of a constituent of drinking water that is recommended in order to protect aesthetic quality.
- SMCMUA:** The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
- TON:** threshold odor number
- TI:** Treatment Technique; a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Turbidity:** Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants.

## WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILL

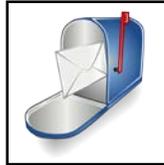
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## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Board Meetings:** Contact our Customer Service Department or visit our website for SMCMUA's public meeting schedule.

**Protect and Preserve Local Water Resources:** Contact the Passaic River Coalition to get involved at 973-532-9830 or <http://passaicriver.org/>.

**Whippany River Watershed Action Committee:** Contact WRWAC at 973-615-8136 or <http://www.wrwac.org/>.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

Information available to the public about drinking water can be found using the references provided below:

| Agency  | Website  | Phone                                      |
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| United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)     | <a href="http://water.epa.gov">http://water.epa.gov</a>  | Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 800-426-4791  |
| New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) | <a href="http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply">www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply</a>                                   | Bureau of Safe Drinking Water 609-292-5550 |
| New Jersey American Water Works Association (NJAWWA)      | <a href="http://www.njawwa.org">www.njawwa.org</a><br><a href="http://www.drinktap.org">www.drinktap.org</a> | New Jersey AWWA 866-436-1120               |

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