

# Town of Williamson 2009 detected test results

| Contaminant                         | Violation Y/N | Date of sample       | Level Detected (Up to maximum range) | Unit of measurement | MCLG | MCL                             | Likely source of contamination                                                                                                    | Required test frequency |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Microbiological Contaminants</b> |               |                      |                                      |                     |      |                                 |                                                                                                                                   |                         |
| Turbidity                           | No            | Continuous           | 100% less then 0.5                   | NTU                 | N/A  | TT=95% of samples less then 0.5 | Soil runoff                                                                                                                       | Continuous              |
| Turbidity                           | No            | Continuous           | .027-.068                            | NTU                 | N/A  | 5 TT= <= 3.0 NTU                | Soil runoff                                                                                                                       | Continuous              |
| Total coliform                      | No            | Continuous           | 0                                    | N/A                 | 0    | 2 or more per month             | Naturally present in the environment                                                                                              | Seven samples per month |
| <b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>       |               |                      |                                      |                     |      |                                 |                                                                                                                                   |                         |
| Copper                              | No            | 9/01/08 <sup>1</sup> | <0.004-.46<br>90%=.07                | Mg/l                | 1.3  | 1.3                             | Corrosion of home plumbing<br>Erosion of natural deposits                                                                         | Once every three years  |
| Lead                                | No            | 9/01/08 <sup>1</sup> | Non detected -.043<br>90%=.0039      | Mg/l                | 0    | 15                              | Corrosion of home plumbing<br>Erosion of natural deposits                                                                         | Once every three years  |
| Barium                              | No            | 10/8/09              | 0.022                                | Mg/l                | 2    | 2                               | Discharge of drilling wastes;<br>discharge from metal refineries;<br>erosion of natural deposits                                  | Once yearly             |
| Nitrate                             | No            | 8/13/09              | <0.2                                 | Mg/l                | 10   | 10                              | Runoff from fertilizer use;<br>leaching from septic tanks,<br>sewage; erosion of natural<br>deposits                              | Once yearly             |
| Fluoride                            | No            | Continuous           | 0.8-1.0                              | Mg/l                | N/A  | 2.2                             | Water additive that promotes<br>strong teeth, erosion of natural<br>deposits, discharge from fertilizer<br>and aluminum factories | Continuous              |
| Alkalinity                          | No            | Monthly              | 60-94                                | Mg/l                | N/A  | N/A                             | Soil runoff                                                                                                                       | Monthly                 |
| TOC                                 | No            | Monthly              | 1.6-2.0                              | Mg/l                | N/A  | N/A                             | Naturally occurring                                                                                                               | Monthly                 |
| TTHM                                | No            | Quarterly            | .041- .081<br>.065 <sup>2</sup>      | Mg/l                | 0    | Avg. .08 Mg/l                   | Disinfection Byproducts                                                                                                           | Quarterly               |
| TTHM Stage 2                        | No            | Quarterly            | .035-.076<br>.062 <sup>2</sup>       | Mg/l                | 0    | Avg. .08 Mg/l                   | Disinfection Byproducts                                                                                                           | Quarterly               |
| HAA5                                | No            | Quarterly            | .003-.041<br>.023 <sup>2</sup>       | Mg/l                | 0    | Avg. .06 Mg/l                   | Disinfection Byproducts                                                                                                           | Quarterly               |
| HAA5 Stage 2                        | No            | Quarterly            | .0078-.043<br>.034 <sup>2</sup>      | Mg/l                | 0    | Avg. .06 Mg/l                   | Disinfection Byproducts                                                                                                           | Quarterly               |
| Radium - 228                        | No            | 10/08/09             | -0.88                                | pCi/l               | 5    | 5                               | Soil Runoff                                                                                                                       | Once Yearly             |
| Radium - 226                        | No            | 10/08/09             | 0.04                                 | pCi/l               | 5    | 5                               | Soil Runoff                                                                                                                       | Once Yearly             |

1. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once a year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative, are more than one year old.
2. This represents the annual quarterly average calculated from all the data collected.

## **Terms and definitions**

**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.

**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 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 contamination.

**Action Level (AL)**: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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

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

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)**: A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**Milligrams per liter (mg/l)**: Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

**Micrograms per liter (ug/l)**: Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

**Nanograms per liter (ng/l)**: Corresponds to one part of liquid to one trillion parts of liquid (parts per trillion - ppt).

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

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

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)**: A measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that is longer than 10 micrometers.

**TTHM**: Total trihalomethanes

**HAA5**: Haloacetic acids

**TOC**: Total organic carbon

**90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Value**: The values reported for lead and copper represent the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system.