Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2012

Town of Stillwater, New York
66 East & School Street, Stillwater, New York12170
(Public Water Supply ID# 4517534, 4530198, 4530040 & NY4530219)

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, the Town of Stillwater will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, we conducted tests for Total Coliform bacteria, lead and copper and disinfection byproducts. Water Districts #1, , and #5 each had disinfection byproducts at a level higher than the State allows. The Town is currently investigating methods to reduce disinfection byproduct within its system. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Mark Minick, Superintendent of Highways, Town of Stillwater, 1 Lansing Road, Stillwater, New York 12170, Phone: (518) 664-4611. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Board meetings. The meetings are held on first and third Thursday evenings of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Government Complex, located at 66 School and East Street, Stillwater, NY 12170.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, 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 activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

TOWN OF STILLWATER WATER DISTRICT #1

The Town of Stillwater Water District #1 does not have its own supply of raw water or a water treatment facility. Therefore, the Town is a secondary water purveyor, receiving drinking water through one of two inter-municipal system connections with adjacent municipalities. Water District #1 is connected to one inter-municipal system at a time and uses control valves for system operation.

The Town of Stillwater Water District #1 usually purchases its supply of drinking water from the Village of Stillwater. As of 2012, the Village has substantially completed an improvements project to connect its distribution system to the Saratoga County Water Authority (SCWA) system. The Village currently receives water from the SCWA. The Town and Village have an agreement whereby the Water District #1 agrees to purchase water from the Village for domestic and commercial use as long as the Village has adequate supply and the water sold conforms to the standards of the State Health Department for

domestic consumption. Should these two conditions not be met, the standby supply of drinking water for Water District #1 is the City of Mechanicville Water Treatment Plant.

DISTRICT #1 FACTS AND FIGURES

The Town of Stillwater Water District #1 system serves approximately 1,566 customers through 522 service connections. In 2012, Water District #1 customers purchased a total of 29,324,700 gallons. The daily average amount of water used by Water District #1 customers in 2012 was approximately 80,400 gallons per day (GPD). The maximum day production of 171,000 gallons occurred on April 17, 2012. In 2012, water customers within the District #1 paid $7.70 per thousand gallons of water.

As identified above, the water source for the Village of Stillwater is the SCWA system. As of the date of this publication, the Village is utilizing the SCWA as its sole water source. The Village of Stillwater is no longer in violation of the Surface Water Treatment Rule. The Village connects to the SCWA system along Cordero Boulevard in the Town and transmission mains then convey water to the Villages storage tanks. The Village treats the water with sodium hypochlorite prior to entering its storage tanks. These chemicals help disinfect the water.

TOWN OF STILLWATER WATER DISTRICT #3

The Town of Stillwater Water District #3 does not have its own supply of raw water or a water treatment facility. Therefore, the Town is a secondary water purveyor, purchasing its regular supply of drinking water from the City of Mechanicville.

The City of Mechanicville operates a surface water filtration plant, which is fed by two reservoirs. The Mechanicville Reservoir, located in the Luther Woods, is the primary source of raw water. The Terminal Reservoir, located approximately one mile from the Water Treatment Plant, is the secondary raw water source. The Water Treatment Plant is a conventional treatment facility utilizing the processes of coagulation using poly-aluminum chloride; sedimentation; rapid sand filtration; and post chlorination.

DISTRICT #3 FACTS AND FIGURES

The Town of Stillwater Water District #3 system serves approximately 624 customers through approximately 208 service connections. Usage for Water District #3 and Water District #4 is measured in combination and is further described below. In 2012, water customers within District #3 paid $7.25 per thousand gallons of water.

TOWN OF STILLWATER WATER DISTRICT #4

The Town of Stillwater Water District #4 does not have its own supply of raw water or a water treatment facility. Therefore, the Town is a secondary water purveyor, purchases its regular supply of drinking water from the City of Mechanicville.

DISTRICT #4 FACTS AND FIGURES

The Town of Stillwater Water District #4 system serves approximately 321 customers through 107service connections. As stated above, usage by Water District #3 and Water District #4 is measured in combination. In 2012, the Water Districts purchased a total of 19,784,200 gallons. The daily average amount of water used by the Water Districts' customers in 2012 was approximately 54,000 gallons per day (GPD). The maximum day production of 135,000 gallons occurred on May 21, 2012. In 2012, water customers within the Water District #4 paid $7.25 per thousand gallons of water.

TOWN OF STILLWATER WATER DISTRICT #5

The Town of Stillwater Water District #5 does not have its own supply of raw water or a water treatment facility. Therefore, the Town is a secondary water purveyor, purchases its regular supply of drinking water from the Village of Stillwater.

DISTRICT #5 FACTS AND FIGURES

The Town of Stillwater Water District #5 system serves approximately 40 customers through 12 service connections. In 2012, Water District #5 customers purchased a total of 857,000 gallons. The daily average amount of water used by Water District #5 customers in 2012 was approximately 2350 gallons per day (GPD). In 2012, water customers within Water District #5 paid $7.70 per thousand gallons of water.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

Stillwater Water District staff is responsible for testing the water in the distribution system. The water is tested for Total Coliform bacteria, lead and copper and disinfection byproducts and once every 9 years for asbestos. Source water monitoring is completed by the Village of Stillwater and the City of Mechanicville. The water sources are tested for inorganic compounds, volatile organic compounds, synthetic organic compounds, PCBs, nitrate, and radiologicals. The tables presented below summarize the test results from the distribution systems. The Table of Detected Contaminants for the Village of Stillwater and the City of Mechanicville are also included below.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably 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 or the New York State Department of Health (518) 793-3893.

Table of Detected Contaminants Stillwater WD #1 - NY4517534							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit of Measure-ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Stage 1 Disinfection Byproducts							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	Yes	Quarterly Feb, May Aug, & Nov. 2012	104.15[1] 29.6-195[2]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	No	Quarterly Feb, May, Aug, & Nov. 2012	32.6[1] 26-46[2]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts[3]							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	No	Quarterly May & August 2009, Feb, May Aug, & Dec. 2010	8.5-52[3]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	No	Quarterly May & August 2009, Feb, May Aug, & Dec. 2010	2.3-62[3]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Inorganic Compounds							
Lead	No	7/31/2012	.013[4] (ND-0.015)	ug/l	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	No	7/31/2012	.214[4] (ND-0.268)	mg/L	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; and erosion of natural deposits.

1. Compliance for TTHM and HAA5 MCLs is based on a running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples. For example, the 1st Quarter 2012 Running Annual Average was calculated using data collected during the 1st Quarter 2012, the 4th Quarter 2011, the 3rd Quarter 2011 and the 2nd Quarter 2011. During 2012, the highest running annual average for HAA5s occurred during the 4th Quarter of 2012 and the highest running annual average for TTHMs occurred during the 4th Quarter of 2012 (32.75 ug/l for HAA5s and 104.15 ug/l for TTHMs). The running annual average for TTHMs exceeded the MCL during the 4th Quarter of 2012 and the running annual average for HAA5s did not exceed the MCL during 2012.
2. The levels presented are the range of Stage 1 TTHM and HAA5 sample results from 2012.
3. During 2009 and 2010, we evaluated our distribution system for the presence of disinfection byproducts. The purpose of this evaluation is to determine future sample locations for routine disinfection byproduct sampling. The study consists of the collection of 2 disinfection byproduct samples once every 90 days. The range of detects for the 8 samples collected in 2009 and 2010 are included in herein.
4. The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 1 to 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead copper values detected at your water system. During August 2012, 20 samples were collected for lead and copper analysis. Both lead and copper were not detected above the action level at any of the sites tested during the sampling round.

Table of Detected Contaminants Stillwater WD #3 - NY4530198							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date(s) of Sample	Level Detected (Maximum) (Range)	Unit of Measure-ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper	No	6/8/10	0.350 [1] 0.083-0.431 [2]	mg/L	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; and erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	No	6/8/10	3[1] ND-5[2]	ug/l	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection Byproducts[3]							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	No	Quarterly Feb, May, Aug. & Nov. 2012	51.4[3] 19.1-83.3[4]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	No	Quarter Feb, May, Aug. & Nov. 2012	55.68[3] 19-81[4]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

1. The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 1 to 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system. During June 2010, 5 samples were collected for lead and copper analysis. The 90th percentile value, which is presented above, was the average of the two highest sample results. Lead and copper were not detected above the action level at any of the sites tested during the June sampling rounds.
2. The levels presented are the range of the samples collected.
3. Compliance for TTHM and HAA5 MCLs is based on a running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples. For example, the 1st Quarter 2012 Running Annual Average was calculated using data collected during the 1st Quarter 2012, the 4th Quarter 2011, the 3rd Quarter 2011 and the 2nd Quarter 2011. During 2012, the highest running annual average for HAA5s occurred during the 4th Quarter of 2012 and the highest running annual average for TTHMs occurred during the 4th Quarter of 2012 (55.68 ug/l for HAA5s and 51.4 ug/l for TTHMs). The running annual averages for TTHMs and HAA5s did not exceed the MCL during 2012.
4. The levels presented are the range of TTHM and HAA5 sample results collected during 2012.

Table of Detected Contaminants Stillwater WD #4 - 4530040							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit of Measure-ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper	No	6/8/10	0.268 [1] 0.023-0.314 [2]	mg/L	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; and erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	No	6/8/10	2[1] ND-3[2]	ug/l	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection Byproducts							
TTHMs	No	Quarterly Feb, April, July, & Oct. 2012	68.5[3] 26.1-112[4]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
HAA5s	No5	Quarterly Feb, May, August, & Nov. 2012	61.83[3] 23-98.3[4]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

1. The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the sites tested. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system. During June 2010, 5 samples were collected for lead and copper analysis. The 90th percentile value, which is presented above, was the average of the two highest sample results. Lead and copper were not detected above the action level at any of the sites tested during the June sampling round.
2. The levels presented are the range of the samples collected.
3. Compliance for TTHM and HAA5 MCLs is based on a running annual arithmetic average, computed quarterly, of quarterly averages of all samples. For example, the 1st Quarter 2012 Running Annual Average was calculated using data collected during the 1st Quarter 2012, the 4th Quarter 2011, the 3rd Quarter 2011 and the 2nd Quarter 2011. During 2012, the highest running annual average for TTHMs occurred during the 3rd Quarter of 2012 and HAA5s occurred during the 4th Quarter of 2012 (68.5 ug/l for TTHMs and 61.83 ug/l for HAA5s). The running annual average for TTHMs did not exceed the MCL during 2012. The running annual average for HAA5s was at the MCL during the 3rd and 4th Quarter of 2012, but a violation was not issued due to rounding.
4. The levels presented are the range of TTHM and HAA5 sample results collected during 2012.

Table of Detected Contaminants Stillwater WD #5 - NY4530219							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit of Measure-ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Compounds							
Copper	No	7/24/12	0.241 [1] 0.093-0.258 [2]	mg/L	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; and erosion of natural deposits.
Lead	No	7/24/12	.0012[1] ND-.002[2]	ug/l	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection Byproducts							
TTHMs	Yes	Aug. & Nov.	91.5, 196[3]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
HAA5s	No	Aug. & Nov.	48, 61[3]	ug/L	N/A	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

1. The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the sites tested. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system. During June 2012, 5 samples were collected for lead and copper analysis. The 90th percentile value, which is presented above, was the average of the two highest sample results. Lead and copper were not detected above the action level at any of the sites tested during the June sampling round.
2. The levels presented are the range of the samples collected.
3. The levels presented are the two TTHM and HAA5 sample results collected during 2012.

Table of Detected Contaminants Village of Stillwater – NY4500171							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure-ment	MCL G	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	Yes	06/13/12	none	N/A	0	Systems with less than 40 samples per month-two or more samples positive for Total Coliform represents an MCL violation	Naturally present in the environment.
Turbidity[1]	No	06/13/11	0.015	NTU	N/A	TT= ≤ 1.0 NTU	Soil Run Off
Turbidity[1]	No	2011	100% of readings <0.3	NTU	N/A	TT=95% of samples ≤ 0.3 NTU	Soil Run Off
Inorganic compounds							
Barium	No	6/9/11	0.011	mg/l	2	2 (MCL)	Discharge of drilling waste; Discharge from metal refines; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	No	10/18/12	0.201(ND-0.277)	mg/l	1.3	1.3(AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead	No	10/18/12	0.008 (ND-0.029)	mgl	0	15 (AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Products							
Total Trihalomethanes	Yes	2/22/12 6/13/12 8/27/12 11/27/12	RAA=86.2	ug/l	N/A	80 (MCL)	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are found when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
Total Haloacetic Acids	No	2/22/12 6/13/12 8/27/12 11/27/12	RAA=60.5	ug/l	N/A	60 (MCL)	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms.
Radiologicals							
Radium 228	No	Sampled quarterly in 2008	2.1 (Average) (0.7-4.0)	pCi/L	0	5 (MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits.

Table of Detected Contaminants Saratoga County Water Authority							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure-ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	Yes	10/9/12 (Tank-In) 10/9/12 (Ballston) 10/9/12 Clifton Park 10/9/12 (Wilton)	Positive	N/A	0	Systems with less than 40 samples per month-two or more samples positive for Total Coliform represents an MCL violation	Naturally present in the environment.
Turbidity Entry Point Transmission System	No	11/19/12(Noon) January (Monthly avg.)	1 .438	NTU NTU	N/A	TT-1.0 TT-5.0	Soil Run Off
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	No	2012 Raw Average Treated Average	3.45 mg/l 1 mg/l	mg/l	N/A	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic compounds							
Nitrate	No	2/24/12	0.166	mg/l	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Products							
Total Trihalomethanes	No	11/15/12	11-15 RAA=64.6	ug/l	N/A	80 (MCL)	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are found when source water contains large amounts of organic matter.
Total Haloacetic Acids	No	2/114/12	11-71 RAA=61.5[5]	ug/l	N/A	60 (MCL)	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms.

CITY OF MECHANICVILLE TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

Public Water Supply Identification Number NY4500166

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination

Microbiological Contaminants						
Turbidity [1] (sample from 6/13/12)	N	0.24[1] 100%	NTU	N/A	TT=1 NTU TT=95% samples < 0.3	Soil runoff
Inorganic Contaminants (samples from 2/16/11 unless otherwise noted)						
Barium	N	9.9	ppb	N/A	250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination.
Chloride	N	20	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination.
Copper samples from 8/8/11-8/9/11 Range of copper concentrations	N	0.41[2] ND-0.6	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (samples from 8/8/11-8/9/11) Range of lead concentrations	N	3 ND-7	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.
Odor	N	1	units	0	3	Natural sources
pH	N	7.7	units		6.5-8.5	
Sodium[4]	N	11.3	ppm	N/A	N/A	Geology; Road Salt
Sulfate	N	9	ppm	N/A	250	Geology
Disinfection Byproducts (Quarterly Samples from 2/16/12, 5/17/12, and 11/15/12)						
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)[5] Range of values for HAA5	N	42.3 19.6-61.2	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection needed to kill harmful organisms.
TTHM[Total Trihalomethanes](Average)[5] Range of values for TTHM	N	76.1 32.1-105	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms.
Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts (samples from 2/18/10)						
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)[6] Range of values for HAA5	N	18.1-20.7		N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection needed to kill harmful organisms.
TTHM[Total Trihalomethanes] Range of values	N	23.5-28.1	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms.
Chlorine Residual (average) range	N	1.35 0.90-2.13	ppm	MRDLG N/A	MRDL 4	Used in the treatment and disinfection of drinking water
Total Organic Carbon[7] (monthly samples from 2012)						
Raw Water Treated Water	N	2.4-3.5 1.1-2.5	ppm	NA	TT	Organic material both natural and man made; Organic pollutants, decaying vegetation.

FOOTNOTES-

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Level detected represents the highest level detected. Distribution system turbidity performed 5 times a week with 0.84 NTU being highest level detected and 0.32 NTU being the average level detected.

1. The level presented represents the 90th percentile of 20 test sites. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the 20 sites tested.
2. The level presented represents the 90th percentile of 20 test sites. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the 20 sites tested.

4. Water containing more than 20 mg/l should not be consumed by persons on severely restricted sodium diets.

5. The average is based on a Running Annual Average (RAA). The average shown is the highest RAA for 2012. The highest RAA for the HAA5s was in the 3rd quarter and the highest RAA for the TTHMs was in the 4th quarter.
6. The sample data is for the USEPA Stage 2 Monitoring Requirement for the determination of optimal sample sites for future DBBP sampling. Four sample were collected each quarter Sampling was completed in the first quarter of 2010. The levels presented herein are the range of detects from the samples collected in 2010.
7. The Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) requires monitoring of raw and finished water Total Organic Carbon (TOC). Depending on the raw water alkalinity value, proper water treatment should remove between 15% to 50% of the raw water TOC thus reducing the amount of disinfection byproducts produced.

Glossary

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in $10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in $10,000,000.
Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
90th Percentile Value- The values reported for lead and copper represent the 90th 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 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system.
Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Maximum Contaminant Level - 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.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal The "Goal" (MCLG) is 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.
Running Annual Average (RAA): The RAA is calculated each quarter by taking the average of the four most recent samples collected.
N/A-Not applicable

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

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the tables, our system had a three MCL violations, which means that our water temporarily exceeded a drinking water standard and we modified our treatment processes to rectify the problem. Haloacetic Acids (HAA5s) are a by-product of drinking water disinfection needed to kill harmful organisms. Some people who drink water containing HAA5s in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) are also a by-product of drinking water chlorination. TTHMs are formed when source water contains large amounts of organic matter. Some people who drink water containing TTHMs 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. The Town is currently investigating methods to reduce HAA5s and TTHMs in its distribution system.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2012, Stillwater WDs #1, and #5 violated the level of disinfection byproducts allowed by the State in the system. As previously indicated, the Town is currently investigating methods to reduce the disinfection byproducts in its distribution system.

The City of Mechanicville was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

The Village has completed their connection to the Saratoga County Water Authority and is no longer in violation of the SWTR.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens 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 from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

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 Town of Stillwater 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*.

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

- Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions.