

## WHAT IS THIS REPORT?

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The Gillett Water Utility obtains groundwater from three wells. Well No. 2 is a 16-inch diameter, 245 feet deep well and Well No. 3 is a 16-inch diameter, 280 feet deep well. Well No.4 is a 12 inch in diameter and 325 feet deep. The distribution system consists of 75,399 feet of water main, 125 fire hydrants, three booster pump stations, one 97,000-gallon ground storage reservoir, one 77,000-gallon ground storage reservoir, one 75,000-gallon ground storage reservoir and one 300,000-gallon elevated storage tank.

The Gillett Water Utility has made significant improvements to the water supply system in the last 5 years to provide you with a safe and reliable water service. There were fire hydrants, and their valves were upgraded; also, more dead-end water mains were connected to provide better quality water on those streets. There was full reconstruct on watermains, valves, and hydrants on 4 streets to also improve our system in 2020.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ron Anderson at (920) 855-2255.

The Gillett Water Utility routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State regulations. Table I shows the results of our monitoring for constituents that were detected for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2020. Constituents not monitored in 2020 and showing a prior detection in the last 5 calendar years are also included.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

As you can see by Table 1, our system had no violations. We constantly monitor for various constituents in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. We are proud that your drinking water

meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether your drinking water meets health standards. Between 04/01/2020 and 06/30/2020, we did not monitor for **coliform bacteria contaminants, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.** We sent in the samples a day late, and that is what caused the violation. We have addressed the problem in July of 2020 and are making sure that this occurrence will not happen in the future.

All 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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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 from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions. (920-855-2315)

*Definition of Terms and Abbreviations—*

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

**LEVEL 2 ASSESSMENT-** A level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.

**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.

**MFL-** Million fibers per liter

**mrem/year-** Millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

**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.

MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**NTU-** Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**pCi/l-** Picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**ppm-** Parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**ppb-** Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

**ppt-** Parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

**PPQ-** Parts per quadrillion, or pictograms per liter

**TCR-** Total Coliform Rule

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



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## Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Ron Anderson at (920) 855-2315.

## Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
2	Groundwater	245	Active
3	Groundwater	280	Active
4	Groundwater	325	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact Ron Anderson at (920) 855-2315

## 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 by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and 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

## Educational Information

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.

## EPA Information

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.



Disinfection Byproducts							
Contaminant (Units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2011)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
NITRATE (N03-N)	10	10	0.03	0.03-0.03		NO	Runoff from fertilizers, leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
HAA5 (ppb)	60	60	2	2.0-4.0	7/15/2020	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	80	0	4.4	1.0-9.3	7/15/2020	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant (Units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2011)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb)	10	N/A	3	3.0-3.3	7/15/2020	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Run glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	0.052	.038-.050	7/15/2020	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refin Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	0.1	0.1-0.1	7/15/2020	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which prorr strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum fa
TETRACHLOROETHYLE(PBP)	5	0	ND	0.27-0.90	7/15/2020	NO	Leaching from PVC pipes; Discharge from factories and cleaners
NICKEL (ppb)	100		2.7000	0.0000-2.8000	7/15/2020	NO	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water & surface & is often used in electroplating, stainless steel & alloy
SODIUM (ppm)	N/A	N/A	6.3	3.40-6.30	7/15/2020	NO	N/A
Radioactive Contaminants							
Contaminant (Units)	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2011)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
RADIUM, (226+228)(pCi/l)	5	0	0.9	0.9	7/15/2020	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants			90th percentile	# of Results			
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.3600	0 of 10 results were above the action level	08/11/2020	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of n deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	3.10	0 of 10 results were above the action level	08/11/2020	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of n deposits