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2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

**Prospect Bay Water Treatment Facility
MDE Public Water System ID No. 017-0009**

This report is required by the federal Safe Water Drinking Act Amendment of 1996 and is designed to educate our customers about the quality of the water we deliver to you every day. We are pleased to inform you that your drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state requirements. 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. We do periodically have iron issues (brown water) which can be an inconvenience, but this situation does not represent any health or safety concerns.

Your water is supplied by the Prospect Bay water treatment facility that utilizes groundwater from two 10-inch wells 360 feet deep into the Aquia Greensand aquifer. A source water assessment was performed by the Maryland Department of the Environment and is available on their website, mde.maryland.gov.

The Sanitary District routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The enclosed table indicates the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2022. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least a small amount of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that all public water utilities publish the following four paragraphs:

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 Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). ***Note: Cryptosporidium is a microbe found in some surface water supplies such as rivers or reservoirs. It is not typically found in groundwater, which is where all of our water supplies originate.***

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 Sanitary District 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 and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking 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 EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotlines at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. **Note: None of our County water systems have ever had lead issues.**

PFAS – short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – refers to a large group of more than 4,000 human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams. These uses of PFAS have led to PFAS entering our environment, where they have been measured by several states in soil, surface water, groundwater and seafood. Some PFAS can last a long time in the environment and in the human body and can accumulate in the food chain.

Currently, there are no federal regulations for PFAS in drinking water. However, the EPA has issued a Health Advisory Level (HAL) of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for the sum of PFOA and PFOS concentrations in drinking water. While not an enforceable regulatory standard, when followed, the EPA HAL does provide drinking water customers, even the most sensitive populations, with a margin of protection from lifetime exposure to PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. MDE anticipates that EPA will establish an MCL for PFOA and PFOS in the near future. This would entail additional monitoring. Additional information about PFAS can be found on the MDE website: mde.maryland.gov. **On April 19, 2022 the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) tested the Prospect Bay wells for PFAS. None were detected.**

In the following table, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Non-Detect - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000. Also equivalent to milligrams per liter (mg/l).

Parts per billion (ppb) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000. Also equivalent to micrograms per liter (µg/l).

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

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The 'Goal' 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.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The 'Maximum Allowed' 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.

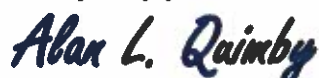
The Sanitary District's water staff consists of twelve personnel with a combined experience of 98 years. Each operator is required to obtain 30-hours of formal training every three years in water treatment and water distribution operations.

Major decisions affecting the water utility are made by the County Commissioners, sitting as the Sanitary Commission. Should you wish to attend, the Sanitary Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in their meeting room located at 107 North Liberty Street, Centreville, Maryland. Sanitary Commission meeting minutes are published and posted on the County's webpage which can be reviewed at www.qac.org.

In our continuing effort to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it is often necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements, as well as the cost to retain experienced staff, are reflected in the small annual rate increases you may experience every July.

We want our customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, feel free to contact me via email at aquimby@qac.org or by calling 410-758-0920.

Very truly yours,



Alan L. Quimby, P.E.
Director of Public Works

TEST RESULTS

2022 Prospect Bay Water Treatment Plant

REGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant	Units	Level Detected	MCL	MCLG	Likely Sources
¹ Gross Beta	pCi/L	14.1	50	0	Natural Deposits
Arsenic	ppb	Non Detect - 7	10	0	Natural Deposits
Copper	ppb	325	AL=1300	1300	Plumbing Corrosion
Lead	ppb	Non Detect	AL=15	0	Plumbing Corrosion
Fluoride	ppb	891	4000	4000	Natural Deposits
Nitrate	ppb	Non Detect	10,000	10,000	Fertilizer Runoff
Carbon Tetrachloride	ppb	0.9	5	0	Industrial Activities
² Haloacetic Acids	ppb	2 - 2	60	none	Disinfection Byproducts
² Trihalomethanes	ppb	5 - 7	80	none	Disinfection Byproducts

UNREGULATED (but detected) CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant	Units	Level Detected
Sodium	ppm	33
Sulfate	ppm	1

Footnotes:

- Gross Beta, and Radon are a measure of naturally occurring radioactive contaminants.
- Disinfection Byproducts are formed when chlorine reacts with natural compounds.
- The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) tests for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) - (none shown as none detected).

Test Sample Dates: (full test results available upon request)

Arsenic – January 20, May 3, September 1, December 2, 2022

Inorganics – August 25, 2021, August 30, 2021

Lead & Copper – August 2018 (Copper Test Range: 69 to 824 of 11 samples)

Nitrate – September 1, 2022

¹Radioactives – 2017

VOC/SOC – 2015

²Disinfection By-Products – August 30, 2022 (results of 2 samples taken)

Bold indicates new results for this year's report; most contaminants are not required to be tested annually.



Maryland
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the Environment

Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor

Serena McIlwain, Secretary Designate
Suzanne E. Dorsey, Deputy Secretary

Consumer Confidence Report Certification

Water System Name: Prospect Bay

Water System Number: 017-0009

I confirm that the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the year **2022** has been delivered to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given) in accordance with COMAR 26.04.01.20-2 by **July 1, 2023**. I further certify that the report is correct and consistent with compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Submit completed form to watersupply.sampleresults@maryland.gov.

Certified by (print name): Alan Quimby

Certified by (signature):  Date: 6/12/23

Title: Director

Telephone: 410 758 0920 Email: aquimby@qac.org

CCR delivery information (must include completion dates for all applicable delivery actions; see reverse for delivery requirements):

Date CCR was delivered to MDE: 6/12/23

Date CCR was delivered to customers: 6/8/23

Indicate method(s) used to deliver CCR to customers:

- Postal mail
- Electronic delivery*. Describe electronic delivery method: _____
(*An electronic delivery plan must be approved by MDE prior to implementation of electronic delivery.)
- Other delivery methods (e.g., door-to-door delivery, posting in an appropriate location). Describe delivery method: _____

Date a notice of CCR availability was published: _____

Date CCR published in local newspaper (attach copy): _____

Date CCR delivered to other agencies (if required by the State) _____ Attach list or description (optional).

"Good faith" efforts:

Indicate the date(s) that any of the following "good faith" efforts were used to reach non bill-paying consumers:

- 6/12/23 CCR posted on the Internet (include URL: <https://md-queenannescounty2.civicplus.com/Archive.aspx?AMID=48>)
- _____ CCR mailed to postal patrons (bulk mail) within the service area (attach zip codes).
- _____ Advertising availability of the CCR in news media (attach copy of announcement).
- _____ CCR published in local newspaper (attach copy).
- _____ Delivery of multiple copies to single bill addresses serving several persons, such as apartments, businesses, and large private employers.
- _____ Delivery to community organizations (attach a list).
- _____ Other (describe delivery method): _____

Tier 3 Public Notices:

Check here if a monitoring or reporting violation public notice, fluoride secondary maximum contaminant level notice, special notice for the availability of unregulated contaminant monitoring date, or other Tier 3 Public Notice was included with the CCR.

Mandatory for systems serving 100,000 or more persons:

CCR must be posted on a publicly accessible Internet site. Indicate the date the CCR was made available on the Internet: _____ . Include Internet address: _____