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2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

**Sudlersville Water Treatment Facility
MDE Public Water System ID No. 017-0024**

This report is required by the federal Safe Water Drinking Act Amendment of 1996 and is designed to educate you about the quality of the water we deliver to you every day. On behalf of the Town Commissioners 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.

Your water is supplied by the Sudlersville water treatment facility that utilizes groundwater from two wells into the Aquia 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 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 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 January 19, 2022 the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) tested the Sudlersville 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 to better understand these terms we've 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 County 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 3 years in water treatment and water distribution operations.

Major decisions affecting the water utility are made by the Town Commissioners of Sudlersville. Should you wish to attend, the Commission meets the first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in their meeting room located at 200 South Church Street.

We want our customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact me at the above number.

Very truly yours,

Alan L. Quimby

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

TEST RESULTS
2022 Sudlersville Water Treatment Plant

REGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant	Units	Level Detected	MCL	MCLG	Likely Sources
¹ Gross Beta	pCi/L	5.1	50	0	Natural Deposits
¹ Combined Radium	pCi/L	1.2	5	0	Natural Deposits
Arsenic	ppb	Non-Detect - 9	10	0	Natural Deposits
Barium	ppb	21	2000	2000	Natural Deposits
Copper	ppb	37	AL=1300	1300	Plumbing Corrosion
Fluoride	ppb	Non-Detect	4000	4000	Natural Deposits
Nitrate	ppb	Non-Detect	10,000	10,000	Fertilizer Runoff
Lead	ppb	Non-Detect	AL=15	0	Plumbing Corrosion
² Haloacetic Acids	ppb	4 - 4	60	0	Disinfection Byproducts
² Trihalomethanes	ppb	10 - 11	80	0	Disinfection Byproducts

UNREGULATED (but detected) CONTAMINANTS

Contaminant	Units	Level Detected
Trichloroacetic Acid	ppm	3
Chlorodibromomethane	ppb	1
³ Bromodichloromethane	ppb	5
³ Chloroform	ppb	6
Sodium	ppm	8

1. Gross Alpha and Gross Beta are a measure of naturally occurring radioactive contaminants.
2. Disinfection Byproducts are formed when chlorine reacts with natural compounds.
3. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) tests for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC)

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

²Disinfection By-Products – September 6, 2022 (2 samples)

Lead & Copper – August 26, 2021 (Copper Test Range: Non-Detect to 38 of 5 samples)
 (Lead Test Range: all Non-Detect of 5 samples)

Arsenic – January 21, May 5, August 30, November 23, 2022

Nitrate – January 21, May 5, August 30, November 23, 2022

Inorganics – August 26, 2021

³VOC/SOC – September 10, 2020 (1 sample)

Radioactives – 2018

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

WATER CONSERVATION TIP\$



1. Introduction

According to the American Water Works Association, the average per person indoor water use in the United States is 69.3 gallons per day. The breakdown of this use is shown below.

As you will note, leaks are responsible for 13.7%, or 9.5 gallons per day (gpd).

Toilets	26.7%	(18.5 gpd)	Leaks	13.7%	(9.5 gpd)
Clothes Washing	21.7%	(15.0 gpd)	Dishwasher	1.4%	(1.0 gpd)
Showers & Baths	18.5%	(12.8 gpd)	Other	2.2%	(1.6 gpd)
Faucets	15.7%	(10.9 gpd)			

2. Toilets – Toilets use the majority of water in your home, even when they don't leak.

- Older toilets (installed prior to 1994) use 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush. Replacing an older toilet can save the typical household 7,900 to 21,700 gallons per year.
- You can also fill one-half gallon milk bottles with water and place in the tank. Doing so will then save one-half gallon per flush and will not affect performance.
- Check toilets periodically for leaks. This can be done by putting food coloring in the tank (not the bowl) and waiting an hour. If the color is in the bowl after an hour, the toilet is leaking. You may need to clean or replace the flapper. **This is the number one cause of high-usage complaints – typically a bathroom in a spare bedroom no one uses. A toilet leak can increase your bill by 10 times if allowed to leak for a full quarter!**
- Don't use toilets as a trashcan. Flush only when necessary.
- **Do not flush unused medicines down the toilet; damage to the environment may result.**

3. Bathing – The third highest water use (and the second highest energy use) is bathing.

- If your showerhead can fill a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace it with a water efficient showerhead.
- A short shower instead of a bath will save 20 gallons of water.
- When taking a bath, don't let the cold water escape when you first turn on the hot water, the hot water which follows will warm the initial burst of cold water.

4. Appliances

- Clothes washers are the second biggest water user which uses 30-35 gallons per load. A high efficiency model will use 30% less water and 40-50% less energy.
- A full dishwasher uses as much as 25 gallons per load, but a full dishwasher uses less water than washing the same load by hand. Newer dishwashers should not require pre-rising of the dirty dishes in the sink.

5. Other

- Install aerators on all faucets.
- Turn off water when brushing teeth.
- Keep water in the refrigerator to drink, rather than letting water run into the sink while waiting for the water to get cool.
- Keep garbage disposal use to a minimum.

6. Irrigation

- A single yard sprinkler uses as much water in one hour as a typical home uses in 24 hours. If you water one hour a day for a week, you have doubled your water use for that week.
- Unless you have a 'yard meter' used strictly for irrigation, you will also be paying a sewer fee for the irrigation water.
- Irrigate sparingly, or use alternative means such as rain barrels.



Consumer Confidence Report Certification

Water System Name: Sudlersville

Water System Number: 017-0024

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): [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: