

# **2015 Consumer Confidence Report Data SISTER BAY WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 41505101**

## **Water System Information**

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report or would like to obtain a summary of the source water assessment, please contact Michael C. Schell at (920) 854-2246.

## **Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality**

If you are interested in appearing before our Board, Sister Bay has a Water, Sewer, and Stormsewer Committee and a Utilities Committee. These committees meet regularly, as announced, throughout the year. The Village Board meets the third Tuesday of every month. Questions regarding the nature of agenda items or more detail on agenda items can be directed to the Village Administrator at (920) 854-4118.

## **Health Information**

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 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 hotline (800-426-4791).

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 systems 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 microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

## **Source(s) of Water**

<b>Source ID</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Depth (in feet)</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Groundwater	208	Active

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
2	Groundwater	305	Active
3	Groundwater	262	Active

## 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.

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.

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.

## Definitions

### Term Definition

AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
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.
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**Term Definition**

ppb parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

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

**Detected Contaminants**

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

**Disinfection Byproducts**

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	12	60	60	1	1		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	12	80	0	3.8	3.8		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Inorganic Contaminants**

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2		0.051	0.048 - 0.051	2/3/2014	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4		0.5	0.4 - 0.5	2/3/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
								aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		1.0000	0.7800 - 1.0000	2/3/2014	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	2.70	1.40 - 2.70		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	24.00	3.50 - 24.00	2/3/2014	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.6000	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	7/18/2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	3.60	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	7/18/2014	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

## Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2015)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	4.0	0.0 - 4.0	2/3/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	4.0	1.4 - 4.0	2/3/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	4.0	0.0 - 4.0	2/3/2014	No	Erosion of natural deposits

## Additional Health Information

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. Sister Bay Waterworks 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 [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

## Other Compliance

### Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies

Deficiency Description and Progress to Date	Date System Notified	Scheduled Correction Date
System is not implementing a comprehensive Private Well program. The Village is not requiring the well owner to have the well inspected by a licensed well driller or pump installer prior to issuance of a permit or renewal of a permit. This was identified as a deficiency in the Department's 2012 sanitary survey. Following that inspection, the Village informed the Department that they would begin requiring the well inspection for all new permits and renewals in 2013. This was never done.	9/21/2015	12/31/2016

<b>Deficiency Description and Progress to Date</b>	<b>Date System Notified</b>	<b>Scheduled Correction Date</b>
System is not implementing a comprehensive Private Well Abandonment / Permitting Program. There are a number of expired well permits and the Village is not requiring the well owner to have the well inspected by a licensed well driller or pump installer prior to issuance of a permit or renewal of a permit. This was identified as a deficiency in the Department's 2012 sanitary survey. Following that inspection, the Village informed the Department that they would begin requiring the well inspection for all new permits and renewals in 2013. This was never done.	9/21/2015	12/31/2020

### **Actions Taken**

In order to address the items above, Sister Bay Waterworks has developed a process for permitting and the abandonment of private wells. Residents with private wells are reminded to renew their well permit or arrange for properly abandoning their well. Failure to obtain a permit results in a late fee plus additional penalties as described in Chapter 62 – Utilities, Section 62.6 d(6) of the Municipal Code (available by visiting the Village Administration Office or at [www.sisterbaywi.info](http://www.sisterbaywi.info)). Two safe water samples, a letter from a licensed well driller or pump installer certifying that the well pump is still operational and met code NR812 at the time of installation, and payment of a standard fee are required to renew permits.