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WAYNE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY



# Water Quality Report

The Wayne County Airport Authority wants you to know that Detroit Metropolitan Airport's tap water complies with all federal and state standards for quality and safety.

# Consumer Confidence Report



Drinking water quality is important to communities near Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are committed to meeting state and federal water quality standards, including the Lead and Copper Rule. With the Great Lakes as DTW's water source and proven treatment technologies, the GLWA consistently delivers safe drinking water to DTW. The WCAA operates the system of water mains that carry this water to Airport taps. This year's Water Quality Report highlights the performance of GLWA and WCAA water professionals in delivering quality drinking water. Together, GLWA and WCAA remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about DTW's drinking water.

## Is my water safe?

Last year DTW's tap water met all standards required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). This 2016 Annual Water Quality Report describes water sources, lists test results, and contains important information about water and health. This report is intended to provide consumers with an understanding of drinking water issues and to heighten awareness of the need to protect drinking water resources. For more information on these testing results, please see the water quality tables and definitions as provided. The WCAA hopes you find this report helpful.

## Protect our source water

- Keep fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides off of paved surfaces and out of drainage paths. When choosing a fertilizer, select a slow-release formula with a low phosphorous content.
- Clean and repair vehicles ONLY in areas where spilled chemicals cannot flow toward storm drains.
- Have septic tanks inspected if signs of failure such as lush grass around the drain field and unpleasant odors are evident. Conduct inspections every two to three years.
- Because pet waste can contain elevated levels of bacteria and nutrients, it should be disposed of in a toilet or garbage can.

## Prevent Cross Connections

A cross connection is any actual or physical connection between a potable (drinkable) water supply and any source of non-potable liquid, solid or gas that could contaminate drinking water under certain circumstances. A common example would be a garden hose attached to an outside spigot with the end submerged in a bucket of soapy water. This may allow back-siphonage or backpressure backflow to occur. Back-siphonage is a reversal of normal flow in a system caused by negative pressure. This can occur during repairs of water main breaks or at an increase in demand due to fire fighting. To prevent this common form of cross connection, a simple Hose Bib Vacuum Breaker (\$5-\$10) should be attached to all of your outside spigots.

The following portions of this report contain mandatory language as required by the 1996 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act amendments. These sections are shown in *italics*.

*The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water flows 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.*

*Because of this natural activity, drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain 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 at (800-426-4791).*

*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 storm water 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 storm water runoff, and residential uses.*
- *Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water 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 which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and*

*Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.*

## **Do I need to take special precautions?**

*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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).*

## **Where does my water come from?**

*Your source water comes from the Detroit River, which receives flow in the U.S. from Lake St. Clair, the Clinton River, the Detroit River, the Rouge River, and the Ecorse River and in Canada from the Thames River, the Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine human susceptibility to potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.*

*GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA is regulated by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. GLWA voluntarily developed and received approval in 2016 for a source water protection program (SWIPP) for the Detroit River intakes. The program includes seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection area, identification of potential source water protection area, management approaches for protection, contingency plans siting of new sources, and public participation. For more information about the Source Water Assessment or SWIPP, contact The DTW water system operator @ (734) 247-7125.*

## **Lead and Copper Information**

*If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water originates primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. WCAA is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When water has been sitting for several hours, the potential for lead exposure can be minimized by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to two 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>.*

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**Southwest Water Treatment Plant  
2016 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	5-10-16	ppm	4	4	0.55	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5-10-16	ppm	10	10	0.53	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

**Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products**

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2016	ppb	n/a	80	38	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2016	ppb	n/a	60	9.5	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

**Disinfectant Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant**

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2016	ppm	4	4	0.65	0.53-0.76	no	Water additive used to control microbes

**2016 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water**

Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.29 NTU	100 %	no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

**January – March 2016 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System**

Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment
<i>E. coli</i> Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E.coli</i> positive.	0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

## Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2016 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

2014 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2014	ppb	0	15	0	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2014	ppm	1.3	1.3	0	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no TOC removal requirement	Erosion of natural deposits

Radionuclides 2014							
Regulated contaminant	Test date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level	Level detected	Violation Yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking water
Combined Radium 226 and 228	5-13-14	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54	no	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.41	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

### Statement from GLWA regarding Cryptosporidium

The Great Lakes Water Authority monitored for Cryptosporidium in our source water (Detroit River) from our Southwest Water Treatment Plant during 2016. Cryptosporidium was detected twice in our source water samples. A follow-up water sample was collected from the treated water and Cryptosporidium was not found to be present. Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immunocompromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immunocompromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.



**Springwells Water Treatment Plant  
2016 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

<b>Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MCL</b>	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	5-10-16	ppm	4	4	0.50	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5-10-16	ppm	10	10	0.34	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

<b>Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MCLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MCL</b>	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2016	ppb	n/a	80	38	n/a	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
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<b>Disinfectant Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal <b>MRDLG</b>	Allowed Level <b>MRDL</b>	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2016	ppm	4	4	0.74	0.67-0.81	no	Water additive used to control microbes

<b>2016 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water</b>				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)		Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.33 NTU	99.7 %		no	<b>Soil Runoff</b>
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<b>Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System</b>					
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Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no TOC removal requirement	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.66	Erosion of natural deposits

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## Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>
>	Greater than	
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
<b>AL</b>	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
<b>HAA5</b>	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>LRAA</b>	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
<b>MCL</b>	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.
<b>MCLG</b>	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
<b>MRDL</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
<b>MRDLG</b>	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
<b>n/a</b>	not applicable	
<b>ND</b>	Not Detected	
<b>NTU</b>	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
<b>pCi/L</b>	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
<b>ppb</b>	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
<b>ppm</b>	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
<b>RAA</b>	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
<b>TT</b>	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
<b>TTHM</b>	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
<b>µmhos</b>	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water