

# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2016

**BERKELEY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE WATER DISTRICT**

**251 Caperton Boulevard**

**Martinsburg, WV 25403**

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**PWS# WV3300202 – Bunker Hill**

**PWS# WV3300209 – Glenwood Forest**

**PWS# WV330218 – Potomac River**

Once again BCPSWD is pleased to present you with this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report was completed in February 2017 and contains all contaminants that were detected in 2016 and it 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 continue to strive for excellence by improving the water treatment process and protecting our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your drinking water.

The mission statement of the District is "To provide Berkeley County with potable, high quality water as economically and effectively as possible."

## **Why am I receiving this report?**

In compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, the Berkeley County Public Service Water District is providing its customers with this annual water quality report. This report explains where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. The information in this report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2016 or earlier if not on a yearly schedule.

If you have any questions concerning this report, you may contact **Steve De Ridder, 304-267-4600**. If you have any further questions, comments or suggestions, please attend any of our regularly scheduled water board meetings held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday** of every month **at 5:00 PM in the Boardroom, 251 Caperton Blvd, Martinsburg, WV**.

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

Potomac River - Your drinking water is surface water from the Potomac River and a ground water backup source known as Ben Speck Spring.

Bunker Hill - Bunker Hill drinking water is ground water from the LeFevre Spring and a surface water backup source known as Baker Lakes.

Glenwood Forest – Glenwood Forest drinking water is ground water from six wells located throughout the Glenwood Forest subdivision.

Springdale – Springdale drinking water is ground water from a well.

## **Source Water Assessment**

The Potomac intake that supplies drinking water to the Berkeley County Public Service Water District has a higher susceptibility to contamination, due to the sensitive nature of surface water supplies and the potential contaminant sources identified within the area. This does not mean that the water source will become contaminated only that conditions are such that the surface water could be impacted by a potential contaminant source. Future contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. The source water

assessment report, which contains more information, is available for review or a copy will be provided to you by calling the WV Bureau for Public Health 304-558-2981.

The springs that supply drinking water to the Berkeley County Public Service Water District have a higher susceptibility to contamination, due to the sensitive nature of the aquifer in which the drinking water springs are located and the existing potential contaminant sources identified within the area. This does not mean that the well field will become contaminated; only that conditions are such that the ground water could be impacted by a potential contaminant source. Future contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. The source water assessment report, which contains more information, is available for review or a copy will be provided to you at our office during business hours or from the WVBPH 304-558-2981.

### **Why must water be treated?**

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of 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.

All drinking water contains various amounts and kinds of contaminants. Federal and state regulations establish limits, controls, and treatment practices to minimize these contaminants and to reduce any subsequent health effects.

### **Contaminants in Water**

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. FDA regulations establish limits of contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these 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).

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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, 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 organic chemicals, 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 the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 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).

## Water Quality Data Table

Definitions of terms and abbreviations used in the table or report:

- **MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal**, or 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.
- **MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level**, or 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 technique.
- **MRDLG - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal**, or the level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect benefits of use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **MRDL - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level**, or the highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.
- **AL - Action Level**, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **TT –Treatment Technique**, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water

Abbreviations that may be found in the table:

- **ppm** - parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **ppb** - parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **NE** - not established
- **NTU** –Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in water

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To better understand the possible health affects described for many contaminants a person would have to drink two liters of water everyday at the MCL level for a lifetime to have one in a million chance of having a described health effect.

The **Berkeley County Public Service Water District** routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The tables below show the results of our monitoring for contaminants.

**Table of Test Results - Regulated Contaminants – Berkeley County Public Service Water District**

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
Turbidity Bunker Hill Potomac	N	0.07 0.04 100% of monthly samples <0.3	NTU	0	TT	Soil runoff
Total organic carbon Potomac	N	2.4 Annual avg. Range 1.8-3.0	ppm	NA	TT	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Barium Bunker Hill Glenwood Potomac	N	0.058 0.025 0.029	ppm	2	2	Discharge from drilling waste; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride Bunker Hill Potomac	N	0.85 0.85	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum plants
Nitrate Bunker Hill Glenwood Forest Potomac	N	2.75 0.41 0.81	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leakage from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Chlorine  Bunker Hill Glenwood Forest Potomac  Bunker Hill Glenwood Forest Potomac	N	Annual avg. 1.02 1.13 1.47 Range 0.8-1.2 0.96-1.48 1.3-1.9	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDL	Water additive used to control microbes

Haloacetic acids (HAAC5s) Bunker Hill Stage 2 monitoring		1.3 Annual avg. Range 0-2.2	ppb	NA	60	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Bunker Hill Stage 2 monitoring	N	0.7 Annual avg. Range 0-1.5	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic acids (HAAC5s) Potomac Stage 2 monitoring 2-23-16 5-10-16 8-15-16 11-7-16  2-23-16 5-10-16 8-15-16 11-7-16	N	Annual avg. 24.2 48.3 42.2 62.85  Range 16.1-28.3 36.5-59.4 13.4-62.1 51.2-73.2	ppb	NA	60	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) Potomac Stage 2 monitoring 2-23-16 5-10-16 8-15-16 11-7-16  2-23-16 5-10-16 8-15-16 11-7-16	N	Annual avg. 27.9 50.1 76.9 94.3  Range 19.3-38.4 28.2-59.4 0.00-108 77.3-107	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

## Table of Test Results - Unregulated Contaminants

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium*	N		ppm	NE	20	Erosion of natural deposits
Bunker Hill		13.7				
Glenwood		2.08				
Potomac		6.39				

\*Sodium is an unregulated contaminant. Anyone having a concern over sodium should contact their primary health care provider.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE BERKELEY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE WATER DISTRICT MET ALL FEDERAL AND STATE WATER STANDARDS FOR THE REPORTING YEAR 2016.**

### Additional Information

All other water test results for the reporting year 2016 were all non-detects.

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

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 Berkeley County Public Service Water 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 or 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 Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

BCPSWD also has an interconnection with the City of Martinsburg. This interconnection supplies water to our customers at Fairfield, Porterfield's Addition, Ridgefield, Welltown School Road, and Stribling Road. The interconnection also supplies water to our customers at northern Pikeside, Paynes Ford Road and part of Route 9.

The following table shows Martinsburg's results for the testing that was required for 2016.  
 City of Martinsburg Test Results

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbial Contaminants</b>						
Turbidity	N	0.29 100% of monthly samples <0.3	NTU	0	TT 100%<0.3	Soil Runoff
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Fluoride	N	Annual avg 0.93	ppm	4	4	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	N	0.0747	ppm	2	2	Discharge from drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	N	1.6	ppm	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Copper *(2015)	N	0.193 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead *(2015)	N	3.8 (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	ppm	15	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing
Nitrate	N	4.62	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>						
Sodium	N	23.6	ppm	0	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	N	28.5	ppm	250	250	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Chlorine	N	Annual Avg. 1.1 Range 0.6-1.4	ppm	4 MRDLG	4 MRDLG	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Site 1	N	2.0 Annual Avg. Range 1.40-5.4	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) Site 1	N	Annual Ave. 6.8 Range 6.0-8.2	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Haloacetic Acids	N	Annual Avg 2.8 Range 0-5.4	ppb	NA	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethane	N	Annual avg 4.6 Range 1.9- 6.2	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

