# Consumer Confidence Report Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

#### **TOLONO IL0191000**

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by TOLONO is Purchased Ground Water.

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

#### Source of Drinking Water 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 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 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 be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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 for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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).

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. We 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 http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

#### **Tolono Source Water**

The Village of Tolono purchases water from Illinois American Water, Champaign District. The source of supply for the Champaign District is groundwater. Currently 21 wells deliver water for treatment to two lime-softening plants: the Mattis Plant, located in Champaign, and the Bradley Ave. Plant, located West of Champaign. The wells are primarily located in the Mahomet Sands Aquifer and supply both plants. The wells, which range from 208 to 366 feet in depth; are protected from surface contamination by geological barriers in the aquifers. An aquifer is a porous underground formation (such as sand and gravel) that is saturated with water.

The IEPA has determined that Illinois American Water – Champaign wells are not susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring, conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeological data from the wells.

#### Source Water Assessment

A source water assessment for Illinois American – Champaign District has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or contact Elizabeth Doellman, Supervisor of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance, at 217-373-3273. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

#### Definitions

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.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

ppb (parts per billion): One part substance per billion parts water, or micrograms per liter. Or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm (parts per million): One part substance per million parts water, or milligrams per liter. Or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

pCi/L (picocuries per liter): Measurement of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water (also beta particles).

Highest Level Detected: In most cases this column is the highest detected level unless compliance is calculated on a Running Annual Average or Locational Running Annual Average. If multiple entry points exist, the data from the entry point with the highest value is reported.

Range of Detections: The range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest, that were collected during the sample period.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Level 1 Assessment: A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

### 2019 Water Quality Information

A table showing what substances were detected in your drinking water was compiled for your information. Although all of the substances listed are under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), we feel it is important that you know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in your water.

Monitoring Performed by Illinois American PWSID IL0195300 - Champaign District Plant

Coliform Bacteria	Date Sampled	MCLG	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Coliform Bacteria <sup>1</sup>	2019	0	5% of monthly samples are positive.	0.8	Fecal coliform or E. Coli MCL: a routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive	1	No	Naturally present in the environment.

1 Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessments to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during the assessment. During the past year we were required to conduct one Level 1 Assessment. One Level 1 assessment was completed. In addition, no corrective actions were required. We are reporting the highest percentage of positive samples in any month. For the entire year, 0.2% of all samples collected were positive for total coliform.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2019	1.3	1.3	0.744	0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine <sup>2</sup>	2019	2.3	2-2.3	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2019	26	14.4 – 29.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2019	91	37.5 – 90.9	No goal for the total	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

<sup>2</sup> Chlorine and chloramines are disinfecting agents added to control microbes that otherwise could cause waterborne diseases or other water quality concerns. Most water systems in Illinois are required by law to add either chlorine or chloramines. Levels well in excess of the MRDL could cause irritation of the eyes or nose in some people. The values reported reflect multiple locations in the service area.

Monitoring Performed by Illinois American PWSID IL0195300 - Champaign District Plant

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2018	1	1 - 1	0	10	ppb	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Fluoride <sup>3</sup>	2018	0.71	0.71 - 0.71	4	4.0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

<sup>3</sup> Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends a fluoride level of 0.7 mg/L.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2018	1.512	1.512 - 1.512	0	5	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha Excluding radon and uranium	2018	1.24	1.24 – 1.24	0	15	pCi/L	No	Erosion of natural deposits.

State Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium <sup>4</sup>	2018	40.5	40.5 – 40.5			ppm	No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.

<sup>4</sup> There is no state or federal MCL for Sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 4 <sup>5</sup>	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Manganese	2019	0.8	ND - 0.8	٠		ppm	No	Naturally occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical; essential nutrient

<sup>5</sup> Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminante monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for these substances has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language.

Note: The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore some of this data in the table above, though accurate, may be more than one year old.

## **Violation Summary Table**

Illinois American PWSID IL0195300 – Champaign District Plant, has had no monitoring, reporting, treatment technique, maximum residual disinfectant level, or maximum contaminant level violations recorded during 2019.

Monitoring Performed by Village of Tolono PWSID IL0191000

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2019	1.6	1.5 – 1.6	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2019	32	14 – 58	No goal for the total	60	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2019	74	50.1 – 131	No goal for the total	80	ppb	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

## **Violations Table**

#### Chlorine

Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.

Violation Type	Violation	Violation End	Violation Explanation
	Begin		*
Monitoring, Routine (DBP),	11/01/2019	11/30/2019	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this
Major	C46 - C7		failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during this period indicated.

# **Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR)**

The Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) seeks to prevent waterborne diseases caused by E.Coli. E. Coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and headaches.

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# 2019 Annual

# **Water Quality Report**

Champaign District PWS ID: IL0195300



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# A Message from Illinois American Water President

#### To Our Valued Customer:

Illinois American Water is proud to be your local water service provider. In this report you will find information related to the drinking water we supply to homes and businesses in your community and across Illinois every day. We are proud to provide water that is better than required by state and federal water quality regulations.

Providing you with safe, clean and reliable drinking water is personal to us. We know you rely on us to complete your daily tasks from making coffee and preparing meals to bathing and other sanitary needs. We utilize state-of-the-art technology to treat and deliver water to more than 1.3 million residents across the state. Our team includes over 70 Class A water operators. These water experts are the best of the best and together, they monitor your water service 24/7. In addition, Illinois



American Water invests approximately \$70-\$100 million annually to maintain and upgrade critical water infrastructure. Our team is committed to ensuring safe drinking water for public health and safety today and in the future.

We are also committed to helping shape our future water leaders. Our team volunteers at local schools and community events to educate our young customers about the water cycle, water treatment and wise water use. We encourage you and your family to conserve whenever possible. Wise water use tips are available on our website at www.illinoisamwater.com.

Please also take time to review this annual report, which will provide further detail about the drinking water delivered to your community in 2019. Illinois American Water is proud to serve you, our friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

Justin L. Ladner

President

Illinois American Water

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# What is a Water Quality Report?

Illinois American Water issues a report annually describing the quality of your drinking water in compliance with state and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulations. The purpose of this report is to increase understanding of drinking water standards and raise awareness of the need to protect your drinking water sources.

At our state-of-the-art research laboratory in Belleville, Illinois, we conduct thousands of tests per year, checking drinking water quality at every stage of the water treatment and delivery process. In 2019, we conducted tests for hundreds of contaminants, including those with federal and state maximum allowable levels. This report provides an overview of last year's (2019) water quality results. It includes details about your water and what it contains.

#### Source Water Information

The source of supply for the Champaign District is groundwater. Currently 21 wells deliver water for treatment to two lime softening plants: the Mattis Ave Plant, located in Champaign, and the Bradley Ave Plant, located West of Champaign. The wells are primarily located in the Mahomet Sands Aquifer and supplies both plants. The wells range from 208 to 366 feet in depth and are protected from surface contamination by geologic barriers in the aquifers. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has determined that Illinois American Water - Champaign wells are not susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. This determination is based on several criteria including monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeological data for the wells.

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# Environmental Stewardship / Protecting Your Drinking Water Supply

Water is one of the earth's most precious natural resources. Protecting the environment helps to ensure adequate water supply for generations. Our efforts include student education, community events, environmental partnerships and internal initiatives. Protecting drinking water at its source is an important part of the process to treat and deliver high quality water. It takes a community effort to protect our shared water resources. This includes utilities, businesses, residents, government agencies and organizations. Everyone who lives, works, and plays in the area has a role and stake in clean water supplies.

What Can You Do? Quality drinking water starts upstream. Everyone can help maintain and improve drinking water supplies through the following actions:

- Dispose of pharmaceuticals, household chemicals, oils and paints at proper waste collection sites. Materials can impact
  water ways if poured down the drain, flushed down the toilet, or dumped on the ground. Contact your county waste
  authority to find out how to dispose of these materials properly.
- Check for leaks from automobiles and heating fuel tanks. Clean up any spills using an absorbent material like cat litter.
   Sweep up the material and put it in a sealed bag in the trash.
- Clean up after your pets and limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Look for local opportunities to take part in watershed activities.
- Report any spills, illegal dumping or suspicious activity to Agency [IEPA].

What Are We Doing? Our vision is Clean Water for Life. Our priority is to provide reliable, quality drinking water for our customers. The source of supply is an important part of that mission. We work to understand and reduce potential risks to your drinking water supply. Here are a few of the efforts underway to protect our shared water resources:

- Student Education: Illinois American Water reaches thousands of students each year through educational efforts. Our
  water quality team visits local schools to demonstrate the water treatment process. Our Mobile Education Center (MEC),
  an 18-foot learning center, offers hands-on water testing and fun lesson plans. We partner with Illinois leaders on
  Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) education efforts. Students participate in annual community
  events like the Clean Water Celebration held in Peoria and the Water Festival in Godfrey.
- Community Involvement: We participate in the "It's Our River Day" celebrations each September across the state. These
  events promote education, recreation and conservation within Illinois watersheds. Illinois American Water employees
  volunteer at the Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair in Grafton. We also contribute to river cleanup efforts with the Illinois River
  Sweep, Vermillion River Clean Up, Living Lands and Waters Great Mississippi River Clean Up, and more.
- Environmental Partnerships: As a part of our Environmental Grant Program over \$200,000 has been awarded to over 51 Illinois water source protection projects since 2009. In 2019, we presented over \$20,000 for seven environmental projects focused on the improvement, restoration and protection of water sources in our communities. We also partner across the state with the Great Rivers Land Trust, Mahomet Aquifer Consortium, Living Lands and Water, The Sun Foundation, Illinois River Sweep, Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District and others on water source protection initiatives.
- Pharmaceutical Disposal Programs: Illinois American Water has collaborated with communities to implement over 35 pharmaceutical disposal programs across the state. These efforts have led to the prevention of flushing medications and the proper disposal of hundreds of thousands of pounds of unwanted medications. To learn more or to find a disposal location near you, please visit www.illinoisamwater.com under Water Quality.
- Internal Initiatives: On a daily basis, our facilities utilize technologies such as variable frequency motors and
  motion sensor lighting to ensure efficient energy use. Recycling programs at company facilities also help to
  reduce waste and protect the environment. Illinois American Water incorporates native and prairie plantings on
  company property whenever possible to reduce water use and mowing costs.

The company's water treatment plant in Champaign County earned the first LEED® certification for a water treatment facility in Illinois. LEED is the nation's leading program for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. In addition, an upgrade at the water treatment plant in Peoria includes the incorporation of ultraviolet (UV) technology to enhance water quality.

Illinois American Water's Pontiac and Streator Districts installed ultrasonic units to effectively control algae and reduce the use of treatment chemicals. Illinois American Water also implemented solar power in the Peoria and Interurban (Metro East) Districts, decreasing electricity costs and benefiting our customers.

#### American Water

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,800 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to more than 15 million people in 46 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to make sure we keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

#### Illinois American Water

Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and/or wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a customer service center in Alton and a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

# Questions?

To learn more about water quality, visit our website at: www.illinoisamwater.com. For questions or copies, contact Elizabeth Doellman, Supervisor of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance, at <a href="mailto:elizabeth.doellman@amwater.com">elizabeth.doellman@amwater.com</a> or 217-373-3273.

Illinois American Water www.illinoisamwater.com

United States Environmental Protection Agency https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov

American Water Works Association www.drinktap.org

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) www.epa.illinois.gov

Envirofacts
Access to U.S. environmental data https://www3.epa.gov/enviro

Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 800-426-4791 https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/safe-drinking-water-hotline

**Surf Your Watershed** 

Locate your watershed and a host of information http://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/locate/index.cfm

# Substances Expected to be in Drinking Water

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 can acquire naturally occurring minerals, in some cases, radioactive material and substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Substances 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, or wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or may 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 organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or may be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water is of high quality, USEPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain substances in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Illinois American Water's advanced water treatment processes are designed to reduce any such substances to levels well below any health concern.

## Important Health Information

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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 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. USEPA/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 (1-800-426-4791).

#### LEAD

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. Illinois American Water 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 http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

We take steps to reduce the potential for lead to leach from your pipes into the water. This is accomplished by ensuring that the water leaving our treatment facility is in the pH range prescribed by the Illinois EPA. There are steps that you can take to reduce your household's exposure to lead in drinking water. For more information, please review our Lead and Drinking Water Fact Sheet <a href="https://www.illinoisamerican.com">www.illinoisamerican.com</a> under Water Quality → Lead and Drinking Water.

#### How to Read the Data Tables

Illinois American Water conducts extensive monitoring to ensure that your water meets all water quality standards. The results of our monitoring are reported in the data tables. While most monitoring was conducted in 2019, certain substances are monitored less than once per year because the levels do not change frequently. For help with interpreting these tables, see the "Table Definitions" section and footnotes.

#### Table Definitions and Abbreviations

- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
   ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
- Compliance Achieved: Indicates that the levels found were all within the allowable levels as determined by the USEPA.
- Highest Level Detected: In most cases this column is the highest detected level unless compliance is calculated on a Running Annual Average or Locational Running Annual Average. If multiple entry points exist, the data from the entry point with the highest value is reported.
- Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
- Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine
  (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on
  multiple occasions.
- 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.
- MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level): The highest level of a disinfectant routinely allowed in drinking water. Addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or
  expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.
- mrem/year: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).
- NA: Not applicable.
- ND: Not detectable at testing limits.
- NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units.
- pCi/L (picocuries per liter): Measurement of the natural rate of disintegration of radioactive contaminants in water (also beta particles).
- ppm (parts per million): One-part substance per million parts water, or milligrams per liter.
- ppb (parts per billion): One-part substance per billion parts water, or micrograms per liter.
- · Range Of Detections: The range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest, that were collected during the sample period.
- Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

# 2019 Water Quality Information

We are pleased to report that during the past year, the water delivered to your home or business complied with, or was better than, all state and federal drinking water requirements.

For your information, we have compiled a table showing what substances were detected in your drinking water during 2019. Although all of the substances listed are under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), we feel it is important that you know exactly what was detected and how much of the substance was present in your water.

# **Water Quality Results**

# 2019 Regulated Substances Detected

The next several tables summarize contaminants detected in your drinking water supply.

Coliform Bacteria	Date Sampled	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Coliform Bacteria <sup>1</sup>	2019	0	5% of monthly samples are positive.	0.8	Fecal coliform or E. Coli MCL: a routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. Coli positive	1	N	Naturally present in the environment.

<sup>1</sup> Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessments to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during the assessment. During the past year we were required to conduct one Level 1 Assessment. One Level 1 assessment was completed. In addition, no corrective actions were required. We are reporting the highest percentage of positive samples in any month. For the entire year, 0.2% of all samples collected were positive for total coliform.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2019	1.3	1.3	0.744	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproducts	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine <sup>2</sup>	2019	2.3	2 - 2.3	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2019	26	14.4 - 29.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2019	91	37.5 - 90.9	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

<sup>2</sup> Chlorine and chloramines are disinfecting agents added to control microbes that otherwise could cause waterborne diseases or other water quality concerns. Most water systems in Illinois are required by law to add either chlorine or chloramines. Levels well in excess of the MRDL could cause irritation of the eyes or nose in some people. The values reported reflect multiple locations in the service area.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2018	1	1-1	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
- Fluoride <sup>3</sup>	2018	0.71	0.71 - 0.71	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

<sup>3</sup> Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends a fluoride level of 0.7 mg/L.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2018	1.512	1.512 - 1.512	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha Excluding radon and uranium	2018	1.24	1.24 - 1.24	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

State Regulated Contaminants	Date Sampled	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium <sup>4</sup>	2018	40.5	40.5 - 40.5			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits: Used in water softener regeneration.

<sup>4</sup> There is no state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 4 <sup>5</sup>	Date Sampled	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Manganese	2019	0.8	ND - 0.8		5	ppb	N	Naturally occurring element; commercially available in combination with other elements and minerals; used in steel production, fertilizer, batteries and fireworks; drinking water and wastewater treatment chemical; essential nutrient.

<sup>5</sup> Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for these substances has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language.

Note: The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data in the table above, though accurate, may be more than one year old.

# **Violation Summary Table**

We are happy to announce that <u>no</u> monitoring, reporting, treatment technique, maximum residual disinfectant level, or maximum contaminant level violations were recorded during 2019.

# **Monitoring Violations Annual Notice**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

# Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Tolono

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During November 2019 we did not complete all monitoring or testing for contaminants and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

#### What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Chlorine	3	0	11-1-2019 11-30-2019	12/10/2019
E.Coli	3	0	11-1-2019 11-30-2019	12-10-2019

#### What happened? What is being done?

A delivery change in the sample bottle equipment resulted in the samples not being taken. We have since that time taken the required samples, as described in the table above. The results show we are meeting drinking water standards.

For more information, please contact Matthew Graven at 217-485-5212.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Tolono.

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Chlorine is a water additive used to control microbes and does not cause harmful health effects in small amounts. Potential health effects of Chlorine are eye/nose irritation and stomach discomfort. E. Coli is a bacterial commonly found in human and animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. these contaminants may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.