

## **2016 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**

TOWN OF LAWRENCEVILLE  
PWSID NO. 5025450

### **INTRODUCTION**

This Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2016 is designed to inform you about your drinking water quality. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and we want you to understand the efforts we make to protect your water supply. The quality of your drinking water must meet state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

If you have questions about this report, or if you want additional information about any aspect of your drinking water or want to know how to participate in decisions that may affect the quality of your drinking water, please contact:

C J Dean, at 434-848-2414, Town Manager

The times and location of regularly scheduled board meetings are as follows:

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Town Office building.

### **GENERAL 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 byproducts of industrial process 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 which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking 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 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. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorder, 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 (800-426-4791).

### **SOURCE OF YOUR DRINKING WATER**

The source of your drinking water is surface water as described below.

The primary raw water intake is located on Great Creek with a secondary intake on the Meherrin River.

Treatment of the raw water consists of chemical addition, coagulation, flocculation, settling, filtration, fluoridation and chlorination. All of these processes work together to remove the physical, chemical, and biological contaminants to make the water safe for drinking.

A source water assessment of our system was conducted in March 2002 by the Virginia Department of Health. The Great Creek and Meherrin River were determined to be of High susceptibility to contamination using the criteria developed by the State in its approved Source Water Assessment Program.

The assessment report consists of maps showing the source water assessment area, an inventory of known land use activities of concern, and documentation of any known contamination within the last 5 years. The report is available by contacting your water system, The Town of Lawrenceville at the phone number or address given elsewhere in this drinking water quality report.

### **DEFINITIONS**

Contaminants in your drinking water are routinely monitored according to Federal and State regulations. The table on the next page shows the results of our monitoring for calendar year 2016. In the table and elsewhere in this report you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. The following definitions are provided to help you better understand these terms:

*Non-detects (ND) - lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present within the detection limits of the instrument used.*



## WATER QUALITY RESULTS

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	LEVEL FOUND	RANGE	VIOLATION	DATE OF SAMPLE	TYPICAL SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION
TCR Total Coliform Bacteria 1/16-3/16	MCL: 1 positive monthly sample		0 Present All Absent	No	No	Monthly	Naturally present in the environment
RTCR Total coliform and E. Coli 4/16-12/16	MCL: a routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is fecal coliform or E. Coli positive		< 2.0 ppb	N/A	Yes. Failure to collect 1 of 5 required samples	Monthly	Human and animal feces
Turbidity (NTU)  See Foot note (3)	N/A	TT,Max= 1 NTU  TT <= 0.3 (95 % of Monthly Samples)	Max= 0.28  100% <0.3	0.01/-0.28	No	Continuous	Soil Runoff
Fluoride(ppm)	4	4	Average 0.78	0.69-0.97	No	Daily	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Barium	2	2	0.031	N/A	No	12/7/16	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate-Nitrite(ppm)	10	10	0.19	N/A	No	12/7/16	Runoff from fertilizer use, Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; and erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha(pCi/L)	0	15	<0.34	N/A	No	12/7/16	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta (pci/L) Footnote (2)	0	50	4.3	N/A	No	12/7/16	Decay of natural & manmade deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	0	5	<0.5	N/A	No	12/7/16	Erosion of natural deposits

Copper (ppm) Footnote (A)	1.3	AL=1.3	90%=0.092 (none of 20 samples exceeded the action level)	ND-0.166	No	6/13/16— 6/17/16	Corrosion of plumbing.
Lead (ppb) Footnote (1)	0	AL=15	90%=0.009 (none of 20 samples exceeded the action level)	ND-----9.34	No	-6/13/16— 6/17/16	Corrosion of plumbing

### DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contamination
HAA5s (Total Haloacetic Acids) (ppb) Footnote (B)	N/A	60	43	32-56	No	Quarterly Average of the past four quarters	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb) Footnote (C)	N/A	80	89	32-85	Yes	First Quarterly Average of the past four quarters	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOC (Total Organic Carbon) Removal Ratio	N/A	TF-TOC removal ratio greater than or equal to 1.00	1.00 lowest ratio	1.00-1.90	No	Monthly	Naturally present in the environment
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	1.60	0.5-2.40	No	Monthly at 5 Sites in System	Water Additive To Control Microbes

**Lead:** Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

#### FOOTNOTES

(1): 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. Town of Lawrenceville Water Treatment Plant 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 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature 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 at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

(A): Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a period of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. It is possible that copper levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated copper levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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

(C): TTHMs-Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

(2): The MCL for beta particles is 4 mrem/year. EPA considers 50 pci/L to be the level of concern for beta particles.

(3): Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water and is used because it is a good indicator of how well the filtration system is functioning.

We regularly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet regulatory requirements. The table lists only those contaminants that were present at levels of detection. Many other contaminants have been analyzed but were not present or were below the detection limits of the lab equipment.

Most of the results in the table are from testing done in 2016. However, the State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. In developing the standards EPA assumes that the average adult drinks 2 liters of water each day throughout a 70-year life span. EPA generally sets MCLs at levels that will result in no adverse health effects for some contaminants or a one-in-ten-thousand to one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect for other contaminants.

### **VIOLATION INFORMATION**

We must report to you that while there were no detections of total coliforms or fecal coliforms in the monthly samples collected during all of calendar year 2016, between November 1 and November 30, 2016, the Town sampled the required five times. However, one sample was damaged upon arrival at the State Lab in Richmond. By the time the Town was notified of the damaged sample, the Town was unable to receive a new sampling kit from the lab and return it prior to November 30, 2016. This means the Town did not have five results as required during the month of November 2016 as required by the Virginia Department of Health. Since the required number of samples were not analyzed during that time, we cannot be sure of the quality of water during that time. The other samples during November 2016 were all good as well as the

samples on the Alberta System and the Brunswick IDA North and all of the samples during October and December 2016.

Attached to this report is the official notification of the month of November 2016 sampling deficiency.

The Town of Lawrenceville Water Treatment was awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award for 2015. The Town of Lawrenceville also provides water to Brunswick County, the Brunswick County IDA and the Town of Alberta.

This Drinking Water Quality Report was presented by:

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The plant operators are required to be State certified by the Department of Professional and Occupation Regulations. The Virginia Department of Health classifies the Lawrenceville water plant as a Class 2 facility capable of producing three million gallons per day.

The operators at the Lawrenceville water treatment plant strive every day of the year to produce the highest quality water for your use. The experience and dedication of the following operators is what makes that possible:

Randy Spence, Chief Operator, Class One Licensure  
David Seward, Operator, Class Two Licensure  
David Brockwell, Operator, Class Two Licensure  
Chuck Martin, Operator, Class Three Licensure  
Robert Myrick, Operator, Class Four Licensure  
Phil Pegram, Part-time Operator, Class One Licensure

The Town of Lawrenceville continues to strive for efficiencies while delivering the best quality of water in Southern Virginia. We will continue to enhance the distribution system through system upgrades and maintenance of the existing system. Part of this maintenance program is an annual flushing of fire hydrants. The flushing of fire hydrants will occur this summer and will be announced in the Brunswick Times Gazette. When the fire hydrant flushing occurs, please remember to check the color of your water prior to doing any laundry.

Water bills are sent out at the beginning of every month and are due on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of that month. The water meters are read with a lap top computer to ensure proper readings for each account. The radio read water meter replacement program reduced the labor required to read the water meters. The previous manual reading of the water meters would take three men about four days to complete the reading, or thirty-two hours of labor. The new system allows one person to read the water meters in five hours. The Town is saving twenty seven hours of labor every time that we read the water meters.

**NOTICE TO CONSUMERS  
OF THE TOWN OF LAWRENCEVILLE WATERWORKS  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

State Health Officials have advised us of a failure to perform required monitoring in accordance with the Virginia *Waterworks Regulations*.

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 the November 2016 monitoring period, we did not complete all monitoring for coliform bacteria. Therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

Five samples were required for analysis and four were analyzed. A sample was collected on November 14, 2016; however, it was broken in transit and rejected by the laboratory as not acceptable for analysis.

State Health Officials believe that there is little need for concern about the safety of your water because past records show that our waterworks has had no documented problems with bacteriological contamination; however, routine sampling and examination are required to determine the quality of water delivered to our customers.

**What Should Consumers Do?**

**There is nothing you need to do at this time. This situation has been resolved.**

The table below lists the contaminant we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample for the contaminant, 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 taken
Total Coliform	5	4	Between November 1 and November 30, 2016	December 6 and 13, 2016

**What Happened? What Is Being Done?**

We have since collected and analyzed the required number of bacteriological samples.

For more information, please contact:

Carl Dean, Town Manager, at 400 North Main Street, Lawrenceville, or 434-848-2414.

*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.*

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