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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2013
Merritt Park Water District
Fishkill, New York
Public Water Supply ID# 1330656

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, the Merritt Park Water District is issuing this annual report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact **CAMO Pollution Control, Inc.** at (845) 463-7310. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. The time and place of regularly scheduled town board meetings may be obtained from Darlene Bellis, Town Clerk, at (845) 831-7800.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, 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 activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves 1,500 people through 500 service connections. Our water source is groundwater drawn from two 60-foot deep drilled wells which are located on Snook Road. The water is disinfected with sodium hypochlorite prior to distribution.

During 2013 our detailed testing program showed chloride levels significantly below maximum contaminant levels set forth by the State. We no longer are required to use Village of Fishkill water for blending, and in 2013 less than 1% of our total water came from the Village of Fishkill. We have attached a copy of the Village of Fishkill Annual Water Quality Report for 2013.

As in the past, the water for the Merritt Park Water District meets all requirements set forth by the New York State Department of Health. Despite the chloride level reduction in the wells and the continued compliance with all testing parameters set forth by the State, the district is still required to provide long-term capital improvements in order to ensure that if the chloride levels return, a plan is in place to reduce them. The Town has authorized the Town Engineer to proceed with a plan which has been developed and submitted to the Health Department. We are currently responding to Health Department comments regarding that plan.

The water in the Merritt Park Water System does contain levels of hardness. The estimated hardness of your water is between 10 and 12 grains per gallon.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, lead and copper, total trihalomethanes, and haloacetic acids. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Dutchess County Health Department at (845) 486-3404.

Table of Detected Contaminants						
Inorganics						
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Range)	Unit of Measure	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	No	12/2013	0.0012	mg/l	MCL=0.05	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	No	12/2013	0.0154	mg/l	2.0	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride See Note 5	No	2013	112.9 (96.6-127)	mg/l	MCL=250	Water softener discharge; road salt
Copper See Note 1	No	06/2011	0.220 (0.0191- .220)	mg/l	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	No	12/2013	0.12	mg/l	2.2	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Lead See Note 2	No	06/2011	0.0058 (ND- 0.0087)	mg/l	AL=0.015	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	No	12/2013	0.0011	mg/l	0.1	Naturally occurring
Nitrate	No	12/2103	1.04	mg/l	MCL=10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium See Note 5	No	2013	104.1 (92.6-112)	mg/l	Dietary Restriction- See Health Effects	Water softener discharge; road salt
Sulfate	No	12/2013	29.4	mg/l	250	Naturally occurring
Zinc	No	12/2013	0.007	mg/l	5.0	Naturally occurring; mining waste
Disinfection Byproducts						
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Range)	Unit of Measure	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids	No	07/2013	6.04	ug/l	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes	No	07/2013	7.90	ug/l	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Radioactive Contaminants						
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Range)	Unit of Measure	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha See Note 3	No	09/2009	3.47+/-1.19	pCi/L	15 See Note 3	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 See Note 4	No	09/2009	0.17+/-0.06	pCi/L	See Note 4	Decay of natural and manmade deposits
Radium 228 See Note 4	No	09/2009	0.18+/-0.43	pCi/L	See Note 4	Decay of natural and manmade deposits

Notes:

1 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.

2 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 samples collected. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the 10 sites tested.

3 – The MCL for Gross Alpha is 15 pCi/L after exclusion of Uranium.

4 – Radium 226 & Radium 228 combined has an MCL of 5.

5 - This is the average of the 24 required yearly samples. The test results show acceptable levels of chlorides and sodium in the water. However, as operators we are concerned with maintaining these levels. Sodium does not have a maximum contaminant level. Sodium levels in the well water are at a level of 104.1 milligrams per liter. This level will be increased by a water softener, if you have one. Water containing more than 20 milligrams of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 milligrams per liter of sodium should not be used by people on moderately restricted sodium diets. It is the recommendation of the Town that you consult your physician regarding these levels if you are on a sodium restricted diet. The chloride level in the water samples collected was 112.9 milligrams per liter. The presence of chloride ions in the drinking water above the maximum contaminant level of 250 milligrams per liter can result in two undesirable aesthetic effects. First, you may detect an objectionable taste of the water. Second, the higher level of chloride may cause an advance corrosion of the pipes within the water system. Softener backwash into septic systems is contributing to the elevated levels of sodium and chlorides in the well water. All homeowners with softeners should check and adjust their softeners in order to limit the amount of brine solution discharged into septic systems and groundwater.

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Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): 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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): 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.

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

Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Milligrams per liter (mg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

Micrograms per liter (ug/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

We are required to present the following information on lead in drinking water:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. 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. **CAMO Pollution Control, Inc.** 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2013, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens 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 from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia* and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- ◆ Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- ◆ Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- ◆ Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

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- ◆ Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- ◆ Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- ◆ Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

HELPFUL INFORMATION REGARDING THE WATER SUPPLY

The average pressure on the water mains is in excess of 100 lbs. In order to protect appliances and internal plumbing, the Town building code states that each home is responsible for providing and maintaining a pressure reducing valve. The shelf life for pressure reducing valves in this district is three to five years. When they fail, many times the customer loses pressure.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. We ask that all of our residents be vigilant in regard to suspicious activity in the area of our water treatment plants. Please call **CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. at (845) 463-7310** if you have questions.

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1095 Main Street, Fishkill, New York 12524
(Public Water Supply ID# 1302765)

INTRODUCTION

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If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Dave Morrison, Water Superintendent, 845-896-8070. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled village board meetings held the third (3rd) Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. The meeting place is a Van Wyck Hall located at 1095 Main Street in Fishkill.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

Generally, 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, naturally occurring radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, organic chemical contaminants, and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, New York State and the USEPA prescribe regulations which limit the concentration of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water source consists of eight groundwater wells located on twelve acres of land, which are located in the Town of Fishkill. The wells range in depth from 84 feet to 240 feet. The water is disinfected with sodium hypochlorite prior to distribution to the system.

The NYS Dept. of Health has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See sections "Are there contaminants in our drinking water?" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected, if any. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

The source water assessment has rated our water source as having an elevated susceptibility to microbial and nitrate contamination. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of the wells to permitted discharge facilities (industrial/commercial facilities that discharge wastewater into the environment and are regulated by the state and/or federal government) and the related activities in the assessment area. In addition, the wells draw from fractured bedrock and the overlying sand & gravel soils may not provide adequate protection from potential contamination.

The county and state health departments will use this information to direct future source water protection activities. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, and planning and education programs. A copy of the assessment can be obtained by contacting us, as noted below.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Our water system serves 1,197 village service connections combined with the out of Village users for an approximate total population of 11,289 people. The total amount of water produced in 2013 was 535,600,800 gallons. The daily average of water treated and pumped into the distribution system was 1,467,399 gallons per day. Our highest single day for a 24 hr period was 2,353,000 gallons on May 17,2013.

The Water Rates for 2013 were as follows:

Village Residents:	\$12.50 for 1st 1,000 cu. Ft.* \$ 8.13 for every 1,000 cu. Ft. After
Out of Village Residents:	\$25.00 for 1st 1,000 cu. Ft. \$16.25 for every 1,000 cu. Ft.

- 1 cu. Ft = 7.48 gallons.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous constituents. These constituents include: total coliform, inorganic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radionuclides, nitrates, nitrites, lead, copper, volatile organic compounds (VOC's), and synthetic organic compounds (SOC's). The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State has us test for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data listed in this report, though representative and within in the requirements of the NYS Sanitary Code, is more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, contains 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Dutchess County Health Department at (845-486-3400).

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Table of Detected Contaminants

Disinfection By-Products							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL,TT OR AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes)	N	9/25/13	3.24	ppb (Parts per billion)	0	MCL = 80.0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (total)	N	9/25/13	<1.0	ppb	0	MCL = 60.0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform	Yes	5/22/13	2 positive samples	N/A	N/A	MCL=2 or more positive samples in 1 month	Naturally present in the environment

Systems that collect fewer than 40 total coliform samples per month, must report the highest number of positive samples collected in any one month. If 2 or more samples are positive for total coliforms a MCL violation has occurred. Follow up sampling was performed, public notification occurred; all follow up sample results were absent of total coliform

Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, OR AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Mercury	N	12/18/13	0.2	ppb	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries
Barium	N	12/18/13	24.7	ppb	2000	2000	Discharge of drilling waste; discharge from metal refineries, erosion of natural deposits.
Cadmium	N	12/18/13	0.5	ppb	5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes, erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries, run off from waste batteries & paints
Nitrate	N	12/18/13	0.36	mg/L	10	10	Fertilizers runoff. Septic tank leachate.
Chromium	N	12/18/13	<2.0	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from steel & pulp mills.
Nickel	N	12/18/13	1.1	ppb	N/A	100	Discharge from steel metal factories
Sodium (2)	N	3/21/13	29.0	ppm	N/A	No Limit	Naturally occurring and road salt contamination.
Selenium	N	12/18/13	3.0	ppb	50	50	Discharge from metal & petroleum refineries; erosion from natural deposits, discharges from mines
Chloride	N	3/21/13	61.1	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination
Cyanide	N	12/18/13	100	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride	N	12/18/13	<0.1	mg/L	N/A	2.2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer or aluminum factories
Total Dissolved Solids Well #11	N	11/6/13	326	mg/L	N/A	N/A	
Alkalinity Well #11	N	11/6/13	130	mg/L	N/A	N/A	
Hardness Well #11	N	11/6/13	136	mg/L	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring /mineral deposits
Sulfate Well #11	N	11/6/13	22.2	mg/L	N/A	250	Naturally occurring
Iron Well #11	N	11/6/13	0.015	mg/L	N/A	0.3	Naturally occurring

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, OR AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Magnesium Well #11	N	11/6/13	10.9	mg/L	N/A	N/A	Naturally occurring / mineral deposit
Manganese Well #11	N	11/6/13	0.060	mg/L	N/A	0.3	Naturally occurring; Indicative of landfill contamination
Copper Well #11	N	11/6/13	0.0018	mg/L	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (1)	N	7/27/10 7/28/10 9/22/10	<0.5 – 12.6 Range 1.7 Avg. 90 th Percentile 3.3	ppb	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits;
Copper (1)	N	7/27/10 7/28/10 9/22/10	.004 – 0.92 Range .042 Avg. 90 th Percentile .065	ppm	0	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Notes:

1 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 20 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 20 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was 3.0 ppb the highest value was 8.0 ppb, the second highest was 5.0 ppb.

Advisory: 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. We are required to present the following information on lead in drinking water. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home’s plumbing. The Village of Fishkill 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 the 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr): A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): A measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had a violation for Total Coliform Bacteria being present on 5/22/13. At that time, a public notification was released and we chlorinated and flushed the pipes in the distribution system to make sure bacteria was eliminated. After further testing on 5/23/13 and 5/24/13, Total Coliform Bacteria was not detected and the public notification was lifted.

Health Effects for Total Coliform Bacteria: Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

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 your drinking water meets health standards. During 2013, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for Lead and Copper. This was reported to the Dutchess County Health Department and based on the relatively low results from the 2010 testing the policy is to go back to yearly sampling. The next samples will be taken in June of 2014.

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- ◆ Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Simply turn off all taps and water using appliances, then check the meter after 15 minutes, if it moved, you have a leak.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Due to approval delays the water main improvements for Rt-9 south of Clove Rd. was moved to the summer of 2014 when the Village will be replacing the 10" cast iron water main from Clove Rd south to the Putnam Co. line; this 100-year-old section of main has been a source for multiple water main breaks in the past; with this replacement the number of dirty water issues should be greatly reduced as will water loss volumes. Public bidding is scheduled for spring 2014. A new 2 MG storage tank is continuing through the design and planning phase, this improvement will occur once the new main has been installed on Rt-9 south of the water supply. Once again the Village has performed its semiannual flushing during day light hours reducing over time costs and providing for a more efficient system wide flushing. Dirty water issues during 2013 were very minor and related to localized water main repairs.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions.