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Sauk Village, IL 60411*

*SAUK VILLAGE WATERWORKS
WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2012*

Sauk Villages WaterWorks vigilantly safeguards its well water supply. This brochure is a summary of the water quality provided to its customers last year. It is a record of the hard work, by our Certified Operator's and field personnel, to bring you water that is safe.

Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the standards set by the regulatory agencies. Sauk Village WaterWorks is committed to providing you with information about your water supply, because customers who are informed are our best allies in supporting improvements necessary to maintain the highest drinking water standards.

**On tap at the Sauk Village WaterWorks
Distribution and Water Treatment improvements in 2012**

- We have two Class "A" and one Class "C" Certified Operators who continue their education to keep them up to date with the ever changing rules and technology in the water industry, to provide the public with safe water.
- Air Stripping equipment has been installed at our facility to deal with the Vinyl Chloride that has become present, at levels below the MCL set by the state EPA, in our raw water supply. Our finished water now tests as ND, not detected, after the treatment processes in place.
- We continue to upgrade of our distribution system infrastructure with the replacement of fire hydrants, water main valves, and sections of water main that are deteriorating beyond repair.
- Replacement and repair of residential shut off valves continued throughout 2012.
- We are continuing to flush key locations every week, **weather permitting**, on the south side of town, which has proven to increase the quality of the water throughout that area.
- Our personnel have repaired, replaced, and installed new main valves in key locations to help us with maintenance and future expansion of our system.
- We have replaced some short run sections of water main to better serve our community.
- In addition to weekly flushing of key areas we also continue the flushing and maintenance of our fire hydrants to provide a reliable system for the Fire Department in the event of an emergency.

Sources of Sauk Village's Drinking Water comes from three groundwater wells, two wells located at 2217 220th St. and one at 2050 Evergreen. They are drilled approximately 500' deep into the sandstone layer of the earth. This is water that is trapped within the sandstone

and forms the water table. Groundwater is less likely to become contaminated than surface water, but is still mandated to be tested for chemical constituents as outlined by the Illinois EPA and the USEPA.

2012 Water Quality Data

The tables listed below show the contaminant, Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG), and sources of contaminants. Some of the following abbreviations are used throughout this report and are defined as follows:

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL = Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ND = not detectable at testing limits, **NA** = not applicable, **mg/l** = milligrams per liter, or **parts per million** (or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water), **ug/l** = micrograms per liter, or **parts per billion** (or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water), **pCi/l** = picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity

The "**Level Found**" column represents an average of sample result data collected.

The "**Range of Detections**" column represents a range of individual sample results.

The "**Date of Sample**" column. If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change.

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detection	Violations	Date of Sample	Sources of Contaminant
Inorganic		* Action Level					
Barium (mg/l)	2	2	0.054	0.054 - 0.054	N	10/18/2011	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (mg/l)	1.3	* AL=1.3	90 th percentile 0.84	0 exceeding AL	N	07/12/2011 - 09/20/2011	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead (ug/l)	0	* AL=15	90 th percentile 8.18	1 exceeding AL	N	07/12/2011 - 09/20/2011	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (mg/l)	4	4	1.02	1.02 – 1.02	N	10/18/2011	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate (as N) (mg/l)	10	10	ND	NA	N	08/09/2011	Erosion of natural deposits; run-off from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage.
Nitrite (asN) (mg/l)	10	10	ND	NA	N	08/10/2011	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (ug/l)	NA	80	ND	NA	N	07/19/2011	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Haloacetic Acids HAA5 (ug/l)	NA	60	18.3	NA	N	07/16/2011	
Radioactive							
Alpha Emitters (pCi/l)	0	15	3.5	2.4 – 3.5	N	07/08/2008	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/l)	0	5	2.52	2.52 – 2.52	N	08/09/2011	Erosion of natural deposits

State Regulated Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violations	Date of Sample	Sources of Contaminants
Iron (ug/l)	NA	1000	0.111	0.111 - 0.111	N	10/18/2011	Erosion from Naturally occurring deposits.
Manganese (ug/l)	NA	150	25.6	25.6 - 25.6	N	10/18/2011	Erosion of Naturally occurring deposits.
Sodium (mg/l)	NA	NA	122	122 -122	N	10/18/2011	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used as water softener.
Chlorine (mg/l)	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	0.1	0.097 – 0.2	N	12/31/2012	Water additive used to control microbes

Microbial Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Highest No. Of Positive	Violation	Source of Contamination
Total Coliform	0	1	1	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E-Coli	0	0	0	No	

Violation Summary Table

Violation Types

- MNR** Monitoring Violation (failure to Monitor)
- MCL** Maximum Contaminant Level (level found exceeded regulated standard)
- TTV** Treatment Technique Violation (failure to meet treatment process)
- RPV** Reporting Violation (failure to submit results/required report by dead line)

Violations for Sauk Village Public Water Supply

Violations Table: We had one drinking water violation in 2012, it was a monitoring violation. During the transition from quarterly VOC sampling to monthly VOC sampling, a sample was not taken in September of 2012. Upon notification VOC samples were immediately collected in October of 2012. Those samples resulted in ND “not detected” in all finished water samples.

We are currently in compliance with the drinking water standard set by the IEPA.

Detections: In 2012 we again had VOC detections below the MCL set by the IEPA of cis-1,2 Dichloroethylene and Vinyl Chloride. We are still participating in an accelerated monitoring schedule with the IEPA. We test monthly, all raw and finished water produced. We are diligently working with the IEPA to ensure we meet all drinking water standards. In addition to the accelerated monitoring schedule, The Water Department is working with the Village Engineers, the IEPA, and the Village administration actively and aggressively seeking options for additional treatment and/or sources of water.

Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

- Unregulated Contaminants:** A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist the USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.
- Iron:** This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state has set a MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.
- Manganese:** This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state has set a MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.
- Sodium:** There is not a 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 your physician about this level of sodium in the water.

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

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater

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 human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewerage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife;
- **Inorganic contaminant**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or the 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.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by the 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 Hot Line (1-800-426-4791).

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>.

The Source Water Assessment for Sauk Village (facility # 0312790)

The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA.

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>.

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, two possible problem sites were identified within the survey area of well #3. Furthermore, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Section of the Illinois EPA indicated several additional sites with ongoing remediation's which may be of concern. With that, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Sauk community Water Supply's source water has a low susceptibility to 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 hydro geologic data on the wells. It should be noted that while the above determination was made based on proximity and certain geologic conditions, the possibility still exists that Sauk's supply source could be impacted. Based on guidelines outlined in the U.S. EPA's Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Sauk Community Water Supply has a low susceptibility to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the village's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydro geologic barrier exists which prevents pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the village's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the susceptibility determination.

Customer Views Welcome

All Village residents are encouraged to participate in the decision making process concerning our drinking water by attending Village Board Meetings. Please contact the Village Hall for dates and times of meetings.

If you are interested in learning more about the Treatment and Distribution of the water system, or have any questions or concerns about this report, contact the Village Hall at 708.758.3330.