

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Renovo Borough Water Authority

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua de beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is a reservoir on **Paddys Run**.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact **The Renovo Borough Water Authority at (570) 923-1318**. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM in the Renovo Borough council chambers.

In the event of a drinking water emergency, please tune to radio station 92.1WSQV-106.9WVSQ for consumer information.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at a detectable level.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is 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.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The “Goal”(MCLG) is 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.

TEST RESULTS

Microbiological Contaminants

Contaminant (Unit of measurement)	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
3. Turbidity (ntu)	N	0.05	0.05-0.14	n/a	1.0	Soil runoff

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (Unit of measurement)	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
4. Beta/photon emitters (pCi/l)	N	0	a	0	(c) 50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
5. Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	N	0	a	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Combined radium (pCi/l)	N	0	a	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (Unit of measurement)	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
14. Copper (ppm)	N	0.312	b	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Lead (ppb)	N	5.3	b	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Volatile Organic Contaminants

Contaminant (Unit of measurement)	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
55. Benzene (ppb)	N	0	a	0	5	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
56. Carbon tetrachloride (ppb)	N	0	a	0	5	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
58. o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	N	0	a	600	600	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
59. p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	N	0	a	75	75	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
60. 1,2 - Dichloroethane (ppb)	N	0	a	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
61. 1,1 - Dichloroethylene (ppb)	N	0	a	7	7	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
62. cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	N	0	a	70	70	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
63. trans - 1,2 - Dichloroethylene (ppb)	N	0	a	100	100	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
64. Dichloromethane (ppb)	N	0	a	0	5	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
65. 1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	N	0	a	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories

66. Ethylbenzene (ppb)	N	0	a	700	700	Discharge from petroleum refineries
67. Styrene (ppb)	N	0	a	100	100	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
68. Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)	N	0	a	0	5	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories and dry cleaners
69. 1,2,4 - Trichlorobenzene (ppb)	N	0	a	70	70	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
70. 1,1,1 - Trichloroethane (ppb)	N	0	a	200	200	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
71. 1,1,2 -Trichloroethane (ppb)	N	0	a	3	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
72. Trichloroethylene (ppb)	N	0	a	0	5	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
73. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	N	31	0 to 31	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
74. Toluene (ppm)	N	0	a	1	1	Discharge from petroleum factories
75. Vinyl Chloride (ppb)	N	0	a	0	2	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastics factories
76. Xylenes (ppm)	N	0	a	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
77. HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids (Five)] (ppb)	N	0	0 to 0	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Footnotes:

(a) Only one sample required.

(b). none of 10 samples collected exceeded the action level

What does this mean?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constants that are naturally occurring or man made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All 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 **Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-4791**.

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. 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(800-462-4791)**.

Please call our office if you have any questions. **(570) 923-1318**



Using Water Efficiently: Ideas for Residences

Efficient water use can have major environmental, public health, and economic benefits by helping to improve water quality, maintain aquatic ecosystems, and protect drinking water resources. Efficient use of water, through behavioral, operational, or equipment changes, if practiced broadly can help mitigate the effects of drought.

Efficiency measures can also save the homeowner money on their water and energy bills. This list of measures is not meant to be comprehensive, but rather a starting point. Other sources of information on water efficiency are available through EPA's web site (<http://www.epa.gov/OWM/genwave.htm>), and innumerable other sources, some of which may be accessed through the EPA web site, or through WaterWiser, The Water Efficiency Clearinghouse (<http://www.waterwiser.org>).

Bathroom — where over half of all water use inside a house takes place:

- Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Take short showers instead of tub baths. Turn off the water while soaping or shampooing.
- If you must use a tub, close the drain before turning on the water and fill the tub only half full. Bathe small children together.
- Never use your toilet as a waste basket.

Kitchen and Laundry — simple practices that save a lot of water:

- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin. Use a vegetable brush.
- Do not use water to defrost frozen foods; thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
- Scrape, rather than rinse, dishes before loading into the dishwasher; wash only full loads.
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.
- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Equipment — homes with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances save about 30% of indoor water use and yield substantial savings on water, sewer, and energy bills:

- Consider purchasing high-efficiency toilets, or place a plastic container filled with water in the tank of your conventional toilet. Be sure it does not interfere with operation of the toilet's flush mechanisms.
- Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads.
- Consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine which can save over 50% in laundry water and energy use.
- Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. To detect leaks in the toilet, add food coloring to the tank water. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking. Toilet repair advice is available at www.toiletology.com/index.shtml.