



Sunbury Municipal Authority Water Department

2025

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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We are proud to report your drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo ó 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 of 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 primary source is Little

Shamokin Creek. Our back up supply is

The Susquehanna River.

The Sunbury Municipal Authority routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table represented in this report shows the results of our monitoring for the period January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least some small amounts of constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Source Water Protection in 1996, congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act, creating the Source Water Assessment and Protection Program. Each state is required to identify and evaluate all sources of drinking water, assess the susceptibility of these sources for contamination, and promote the protection of them. To view this plan, contact our office at (570) 286-5858.

Microbiological Contaminants						
Contaminant (Units)	Violation Y/N	Average Detection	Range of Detections	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity (% satisfied)	N	100%	NA	TT	0.3	Soil runoff
<i>Prior percentages reflect plant performance, in which the Treatment Technique necessitates 95% of samples be <0.3 NTU.</i>						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	% of Removal Required	% of Removal Achieved	MCLG	MCL	
TOC	N	35%	50.0-56.4%	TT	N/A	Naturally present in the environment
Chemical Contaminants						
Contaminant (Units)	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Average Detection	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride (ppm)(IOC)	N	0.70-0.94	0.82	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Selenium (ppb)(IOC)	N	0.51	0.412	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Barium (ppm)(IOC)	N	0.0286-0.0316	0.0301	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Calcium (ppm) Distribution	N	11.9-40.3	23.0125	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Calcium (ppm) Entry Point	N	12.7-17.6	14.95	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium (ppm) Distribution	N	3.79-15.1	7.88	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium (ppm) Entry Point	N	3.98-3.98	3.98	NA	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (ppb)	N	17.7-47.7	32.8	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb)	N	10.7-31.3	24.1	0	60	By-product of drinking water and chlorination
Nitrate	N	0.58-2.98	1.78	0	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Pentachlorophenol (SOC) (ppm)	N	0.0-0.56	0.095	0	1	Discharge from wood preserving factories
Perfluorobutanesulfonic Acid (ng/l)	N	0.0 - 0.938	0.518	0	NA	Industrial Processes
Xylene (ppm) (VOC) Entry Point	N	0.0-2.04	0.510	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
Lead and Copper						

Contaminant (Unit of Measurement)	Violation Y/N	90th Percentile Value	# of Sites Above AL of Total Sites	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	N	0.0308	0 out of 45	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	N	0.00	0 out of 45	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Disinfectant Residual						
Contaminant (Units)	Violation Y/N	Range of Detections	Average Detection	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	MRDLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm) Entry Point	N	1.29 - 2.80	NA	0.2	4	Additive to control microbes
Chlorine (ppm) Distribution	N	0.29 - 2.22	NA	0.2	4	Additive to control microbes

Test results represent most recent analysis and meet all Federal and State requirements

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Health Effects

Turbidity. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Fluoride. Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.

Barium. Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Copper. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water-containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water-containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor.

Lead. 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.

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

TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes, HAA5 Haloacetic Acid). Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

TOC. Total organic carbon has no health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. These byproducts include THMs and HAAs. Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.

Definitions

Contamination. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contaminants by constants that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, can reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

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.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCL's. MCL's are set at very stringent levels for health effects. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Lead. Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced. 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 thirty (30) seconds to two (2) minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800.426.4791.

Violations

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Several Contaminants. What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. The table below lists the contaminant we did not properly test for during the last year, how often we are supposed to sample for contaminants listed below and 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 (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples required	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid	Quarterly	2	2	1/15/2025	04/15/2025
TTHM/HAA5	Quarterly	4	2	7/15/25,10/15/25	1/15/2026

What happened? What was done?

Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid and Perfluorooctanoic Acid were missed the first quarters of 2025. We collected the missed samples in the second quarters of 2025. As for the TTHM & HAA5 the sample requirements were increased from 2 per quarter to 4 per quarter. The samples were collected in 2026.

System Improvements

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements to your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact our General Manager Derrick Backer at (570) 286-5858 during normal business hours 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM or visit us at our website www.sunburyma.org under “Departments” then Water. 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 Board of Director meetings. Sewer & Solid Waste meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. Water and Flood Control meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. All meetings begin at 6:00 PM at the Sunbury Municipal Authority Administration Center, located at 462 South 4th Street, Sunbury, PA 17801.

We work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children’s future.

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