



“2017” Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

City of Eden

Water System Number: **02-79-010**

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about your source of water, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. 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 and to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies. **If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Dena Reid at 336-627-1009 ext. 131. 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. Meetings of the City Council are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.**

What EPA Wants You to Know

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 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 (800-426-4791).

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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (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. The City of Eden Water Filtration 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 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 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 by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and 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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

When You Turn on Your Tap, Consider the Source

The water that we provide to our customers comes from the Dan River. It is our sole source of water. The Dan River originates in Virginia and flows through Eden and on to Kerr Reservoir on the Roanoke River. Our water treatment plant, the Robert A. Harris Water Filtration Plant, is located on the banks of the Dan River in Eden. Demand for good, clean water is high and our filtration plant produces roughly 5 million gallons of clean drinking water every day. Our water supply is part of the Upper Dan River Watershed that covers an area of roughly 2,075 square miles around Eden. Most of our watershed is covered by forested lands (98%) or is used for growing crops.

Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Results

The complete SWAP Assessment report for The City of Eden may be viewed on the Web at:

http://www.ncwater.org/files/swap/SWAP_Reports/0279010_7_13_2015_17_22.pdf

Note that because SWAP results and reports are periodically updated by the PWS Section, the results available on this web site may differ from the results that were available at the time this CCR was prepared. If you are unable to access your SWAP report on the web, you may mail a written request for a printed copy to: Source Water Assessment Program – Report Request, 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1634, or email requests to swap@ncdenr.gov. Please indicate your system name (City of Eden), number (02-79-010), and provide your name, mailing address and phone number. If you have any questions about the SWAP report please contact the Source Water Assessment staff by phone at 919-707-9098. It is important to understand that a susceptibility rating of “higher” does not imply poor water quality, only the system's potential to become contaminated by PCSs in the assessment area.

The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Public Water Supply (PWS) Section, Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) conducted assessments for all drinking water sources across North Carolina. The purpose of the assessments was to determine the susceptibility of each drinking water source (well or surface water intake) to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs). The results of the assessment are available in SWAP Assessment Reports that include maps, background information and a relative susceptibility rating of Higher, Moderate or Lower.

The relative susceptibility rating of each source for The City of Eden was determined by combining the contaminant rating (number and location of PCSs within the assessment area) and the inherent vulnerability rating (i.e., characteristics or existing conditions of the well or watershed and its delineated assessment area). The assessment findings are summarized in the table below:

Susceptibility of Sources to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs)

Source Name	Susceptibility Rating	SWAP Report Date
Dan River	Higher	July 13, 2015

Help Protect Your Source Water

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. The City of Eden has implemented Zoning, Water Supply and Watershed Ordinances to control the development density to help protect our water source. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways: (examples: dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center, volunteer in your community to participate in group efforts to protect your source, etc.).

Violations that Your Water System Received for the Report Year

During 2017 or during any compliance period that ended in 2017, we received a Treatment Technique violation that covered the time period of August 14 & 15, 2017.

Treatment Technique Violations

TT Violation	Explanation	Length of Violation	Steps Taken to Correct the Violation	Health Effects Language
August 14 and 15, 2017	During the switch to chloramines the total chlorine dropped below 1 mg/l.	>4 hours	The total chlorine was above 1.0 mg/l on August 15, 2017	Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Water Quality Data Tables of Detected Contaminants

We routinely monitor for over 150 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following tables list all the drinking water contaminants that we detected in the last round of sampling for each particular contaminant group. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. **Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2017.** The EPA and the State allow us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

Not-Applicable (N/A) – Information not applicable/not required for that particular water system or for that particular rule.

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 (ug/L) - 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.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - Million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

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

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

Maximum Residual Disinfection 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 Disinfection 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 contaminants.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) – The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters under the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - 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 (MCLG) - 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.

Microbiological Contaminants in the Distribution System

Contaminant (units)	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (presence or absence)	No	1	0	one positive monthly sample	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or E. coli (presence or absence)	No	1	0	one positive monthly sample	Naturally present in the environment

Immediate rechecks of the original sample location and upstream and downstream samples showed negative results for coliform and e-coli bacteria. The positive results were attributed to collection or processing errors during rainy and windy weather. There was NO water contamination, thus there was no threat to public health.

Turbidity*

Contaminant (units)	Treatment Technique (TT) Violation Y?N	Your Water	MCLG	Treatment Technique (TT) Violation if:	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity (NTU) - Highest single turbidity measurement	N	0.14 NTU	N/A	Turbidity > 1 NTU	Soil runoff
Turbidity (NTU) - Lowest monthly percentage (%) of samples meeting turbidity limits	N	100%	N/A	Less than 95% of monthly turbidity measurements are ≤ 0.3 NTU	Soil runoff

* Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. The turbidity rule requires that 95% or more of the monthly samples must be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
Fluoride (ppm)	3-1-17	N	.54	.05	.79	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Synthetic Organic Chemical (SOC) Contaminants Including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
Dalapon (ppb)	6-2017	NO	1.6	ND	1.6	200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way

Lead and Copper Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	Number of sites found above the AL	MCLG	AL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm) (90 th percentile)	11-2017	0.11	0	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppm) (90 th percentile)	11-2017	<.003	0	0	AL=.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

Cryptosporidium

Our system monitored our source water for **Cryptosporidium** during the past 15 months and found 1 oocysts/ 10 liter in February 2017 and 1 oocysts/ 10 liter in November 2017. Zero oocysts/liter were found during all other monitored months.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes *Cryptosporidium*, the most commonly-used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water and/or finished water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of *Cryptosporidium* may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. *Cryptosporidium* must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

Contaminant (units)	TT Violation Y/N	Your Water (RAA Removal Ratio)	Range Monthly Removal Ratio Low - High	MCLG	TT	Likely Source of Contamination	Compliance Method (Step 1 or ACC# __)
Total Organic Carbon (removal ratio) (TOC)-TREATED	N	1.8	1.1 – 2.86	N/A	TT	Naturally present in the environment	ACC 2

Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Compliance - Based upon Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA)

Disinfection Byproduct	Year Sampled	MCL Violation	Your Water (highest LRAA)	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
TTHM (ppb)						N/A		Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Location								
B01	2017	NO	56	35	76		80	
B02	2017	NO	60	38	84		80	
B03	2017	NO	60	36	87		80	
B04	2017	NO	56	32	82		80	
Disinfection Byproduct	Year Sampled	MCL Violation	Your Water (highest LRAA)	Range		MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
HAA5 (ppb)						N/A		Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Location								
B01	2017	NO	24	14	35		60	
B02	2017	NO	25	14	37		60	
B03	2017	NO	24	19	33		60	
B04	2017	NO	25	17	35		60	

For TTHM: 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.

Disinfectant Residuals Summary

	Year Sampled	MRDL Violation Y/N	Your Water (highest RAA)	Range		MRDLG	MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
				Low	High			
Chlorine (ppm)	2017	NO	1.27	.44	1.81	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Chloramines (ppm)	2017	NO	1.86	1.13	3.08	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

The PWS Section requires monitoring for other misc. contaminants, some for which the EPA has set national secondary drinking water standards (SMCLs) because they may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, and/or color) in drinking water. The contaminants with SMCLs normally do not have any health effects and normally do not affect the safety of your water.

Other Miscellaneous Water Characteristics Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	Range		SMCL
			Low	High	
Sodium (ppm)	3/1/17	9.1	NA		N/A
pH	3/1/17	7.1			6.5 to 8.5

Security and Conservation

Is My Water System Secure? The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (Bioterrorism Act) required that the City of Eden as a Public Water Supply conduct a Vulnerability Assessment (VA) and prepare an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) update based on the findings of the assessment. The VA and the ERP have been completed. We are continuously making security and procedure improvements to protect the quality and the dependability of your water system.

The Governor has a water conservation website to update and inform citizens as to what they can do to help in drought situations: www.savewaternc.org/

Water Conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our precious water supply and save you money by reducing your water bill. Here are some conservation tips:

- Fix leaking indoor faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
- Replace old fixtures
- Wash only full loads of laundry
- Take short showers
- Soak dishes before washing
- Use mulch around plants and shrubs
- Repair leaks in outdoor faucets and hoses
- Run the dishwasher only when full
- Use water saving nozzles. Do not use the toilet for trash disposal
- Water the lawn and garden in the early morning or evening
- Use water in a bucket to wash your car and save the hose for rinsing
- Install water saving devices in toilets, showers and appliances