

2009  
Annual Consumer Confidence Report on the Quality of  
Naval Base Kitsap Keyport Drinking Water System

***This is an annual report on the quality of water delivered by the Naval Base Kitsap Keyport Drinking Water System. Under the “Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule” of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, community water systems are required to report this water quality information to their customers. Presented in this report is information on the source of our water, its constituents, and the health risks associated with any contaminants. Our water is safe to drink. Please read on for a full explanation of the quality of our water.***

### **Source of our Water**

Our water system provides drinking water to the residents and workers at Naval Base Kitsap Keyport. The drinking water is pumped from a groundwater source known as the ‘fourth aquifer below ground surface,’ through an 800 foot well located on base. Groundwater wells are safeguarded through wellhead protection efforts. Access to the water system within the Naval Base Kitsap Keyport boundaries is secured and limited to water supply activities.

The Naval Base Kitsap Keyport water system is operated and maintained by experienced personnel certified by the State. Treatment of the base’s water currently consists of:

- Chlorine for disinfection to control microbes that might be present in the water.

### **Information from EPA**

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 and through the ground it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. These substances are referred to by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as contaminants.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- a. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife;
- b. 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;
- c. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses;
- d. 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;
- e. 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 and Washington State Department of Health prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration and Washington State Department of Agriculture regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Insofar as the term “contaminant” refers to everything from naturally occurring minerals to synthetic organic chemicals, the mere 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 at 800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people such as people 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 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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 at 800-426-4791.

### **Monitoring of Your Drinking Water**

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The water system uses only EPA approved laboratory methods to analyze your drinking water. Samples are drawn from the wellhead and designated sample sites in the distribution system by Water Shop personnel. The samples are then transported to an accredited laboratory where a full spectrum of water quality analyses are performed. The table below details the schedule for sampling the various contaminant groups.

**Monitoring Groups and Monitoring Frequency Table**

Monitoring Group	Monitoring Frequency  (year conducted)
Biological contaminants (total coliform group) <sup>1</sup>	2 samples every month
Asbestos	1 sample collected every 9 years
Lead and copper	Sampled every 3 years (2008)
Volatile Organic Compounds	1 sample every 3 years (2008)
Inorganic contaminants <sup>2</sup>	1 sample every 3 years
Herbicides	1 sample every 3 years (2008)
General Pesticides	1 sample every 3 years
Insecticides	1 sample every 3 years
EDB and other soil fumigants	Sample 2008
Synthetic Organic Chemicals	Sample 2008
Nitrates	1 sample every year
Radionuclide	2 samples every 3 years (2008)
Perchlorate	2 samples required in 2007 by Navy

<sup>1</sup> Contaminants in this group include total coliform, fecal coliform, and heterotrophic bacteria.

<sup>2</sup> Contaminants in this group include metals, nitrate, and asbestos.

**Definitions and Abbreviations**

To gain a better understanding of the content of this report, several key terms and abbreviations should be defined. These are as follows:

Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment techniques or other requirements, which must be followed.

Level Detected - Laboratory analytical result for a contaminant; this value is evaluated against an MCL or AL to determine compliance.

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. Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA establishes these MCLs for compliance purposes.

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.

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 contaminants.

mg/L - Milligrams per Liter; a unit of measure equivalent to a part per million (ppm)

N/A – Not Applicable.

ND - Not Detected. The compound was not detected above the Lab's Method Detection Limit.

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NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit is a measurement of water clarity.

ppb - Parts per billion; a unit of measure equivalent to a single penny in \$10,000,000

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Range - The range of the highest and lowest analytical values of a reported contaminant.

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

µg/L - Micrograms per Liter; a unit of measure equivalent to a part per billion (ppb)

**Detected Contaminants**

We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. In 2009 testing was completed for biological contaminants, residual chlorine, nitrates and inorganic compounds. Only contaminants that resulted in a detection are listed in the table below; all other test results were below the lab's detection limits, and therefore below the applicable regulatory levels.

Compound	Highest Level Allowed (MCL, AL, or MRDL)	MCLG or MRDLG	Highest Level Detected	Sample Date	Range	Meets Standard ?	Potential Sources
Sodium	20 mg/L <sup>3</sup>	N/A	26.2 mg/L	12 Aug 09	N/A	N/A	Natural erosion
Trihalomethane (Total)	80 µg/L (MCL)	N/A	8.28 µg/L	20 Aug 08	N/A	Yes	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Copper	0.02 mg/L (AL)	1.3 mg/L	0.06 mg/L	07 Aug 08	ND – 0.06 mg/L	Yes	Corrosion of plumbing fixtures
Lead	0.001mg/L (AL)	0.0 mg/L	0.003 mg/L	07 Aug 08	0.001–0.003 mg/L	Yes	Corrosion of plumbing fixtures
Radionuclide (Radium 228)	5 pCi/L (AL)	N/A	0.6 pCi/L	15 Aug 08	N/A	Yes	Natural erosion

<sup>3</sup> Although there is no MCL for sodium, EPA has established a recommended level of 20 mg/L as a level of concern for those consumers that may be restricted for daily sodium intake in their diets.

**Public Involvement**

Drinking water system information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Tom Danaher, Naval Base Kitsap Public Affairs Office, at 360-627-4031.