

Village of Rockton - Facility Number IL 2010350
Consumer Confidence Report
Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2015

This year, as in years past, your tap water met all USEPA and IEPA drinking water health standards. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the Village of Rockton Water Department to provide safe drinking water. For more information regarding this report please contact: Charles Williams of the Village of Rockton Water Department @ 815 – 624 - 2800.

This report will not be mailed to each home, but is available by request from Village Hall 110 E. Main Street Rockton, Illinois 61063 (815-624-7600).

Source of Drinking Water:

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 pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- ⇒ **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 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 a by-product of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm runoff, and septic systems.
- ⇒ **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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.

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 USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call our water operator at **815-624-2800**. 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>.

Source Water Assessment:

- **The source of drinking water used by Rockton IL is Ground Water**
- **Active Well #10 (01981) 12801 Old River Rd. 900 GPM SUBMERSIBLE**
- **Active Well #5 (11665) Kocher Street 650 GPM SUBMERSIBLE**
- **Active Well #6 (11666) 12527 Wagon Wheel Rd. 650 GPM VERTICAL LINE SHAFT**
- **Active Well #7 (00796) 1 Mack Trail NW ¼ SEC 19 TWP 46 RNG 12E 1000 GPM VERTICAL LINE SHAFT**
- **Active Well #9 (01789) 1 Mack Trail NW ¼ SEC 19 TWP 46 RNG 12E 800 GPM SUBMERSIBLE**

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey published in 1990 by the Illinois EPA, several potential sources are located within 1,000 feet of the wells. During the survey of Rockton's source water protection area, Illinois EPA staff recorded one potential source, route, or possible site within the 1,000 foot minimum setback zone of well #5. The Illinois EPA considers the source water of this facility at well #5 to be susceptible to contamination. The source water from wells #6 and #7 are not considered susceptible to contamination by the Illinois EPA. 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 hydrogeologic data on the wells.

Water Quality Test Results:

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some that may require explanation.

Definitions:

<u>Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:</u>	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.
<u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:</u>	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
<u>ppm:</u>	milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
<u>ppb:</u>	micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
<u>Avg:</u>	Regulatory compliance with some MCL's are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
<u>na:</u>	Not applicable.
<u>Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:</u>	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.
<u>Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:</u>	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.

2015 Regulated Contaminants Detected:

Lead and Copper

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

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

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 are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but 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>.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violations	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	7/30/2013	1.3	1.3	0.69	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits, Leaching from wood preservatives, Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	7/30/2013	0	15	3.4	2	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits, Leaching from wood preservatives, Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violations	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2015	0.9	0.7 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2015	2	2.22 - 2.22	n/a	80	ppb	N	By - product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection	Highest Level	Range of Levels	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violations	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (Measured as Nitrogen)	2015	3	0 - 2.51	10	10	ppb	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	2015	0.1	0.036 - 0.1	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes, Discharge from metal refineries, Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2015	1.08	0.866 - 1.08	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth, Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2015	0.9	0 - 1.5		1	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2015	25	6.2 - 25			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits, Used in water softener regeneration.
Zinc	2015	0.05	0 - 0.05	5	5	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. The state regulates naturally occurring discharge from metal.
Manganese	2015	81	5.2 - 81	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates erosion of natural deposits.

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violations	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2015	4.34	0 - 4.34	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.