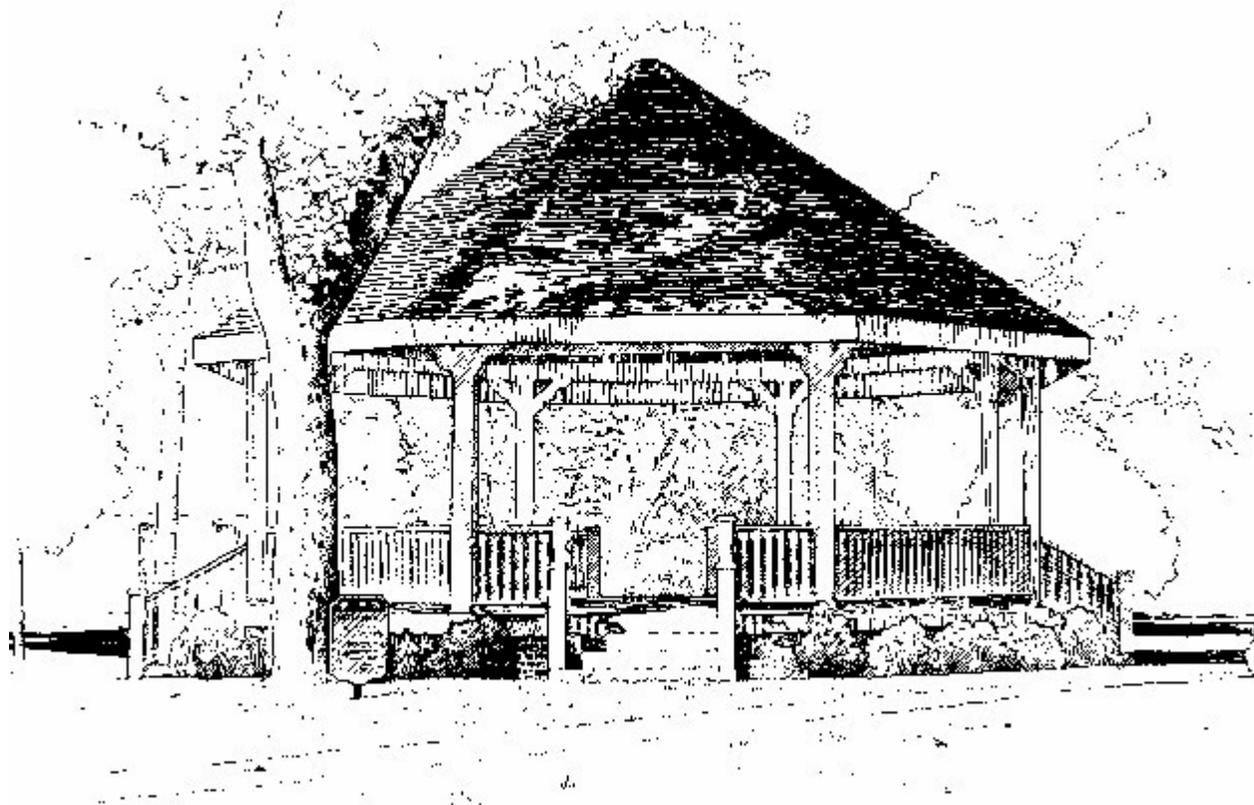


ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT
FOR
CARLISLE BARRACKS, PENNSYLVANIA
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**2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
for Carlisle Barracks, PA
PWS 7210010**

**Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber.
Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.**

OVERVIEW:

This is an annual report is describing the quality of drinking water produced and delivered to Carlisle Barracks by Carlisle Barracks' Water Plant, PWS 7210010. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water every day. This report meets Safe Drinking Water Act (SWDA) requirements for "Consumer Confidence Reports" and contains important information on the source of our water, its constituents, and health risks associated with any contaminants. If you have any questions or comments concerning this report or your drinking water, please contact Ms. Donna Swauger at 245-3908.

WATER SOURCE:

Our water source is the Letort Spring which is part of the Saint Paul Group aquifer. Letort Spring is located within Carlisle Barracks. A Source Water Assessment for Letort Spring was completed in 2005 by Penn State Environmental Resources Research Institute, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). A copy of the report is available for review at DPW – Environmental Office.

WATER QUALITY AND TREATMENT:

U.S. Army Garrison at Carlisle Barracks, Directorate of Public Works, routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The tables included in this report show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. The DEP requires monitoring less than once per year for certain contaminants because concentrations of these do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the SDWA. If the data is from a prior year, the sample date is noted on the sample results table.

At Carlisle Barracks' Water Plant raw water taken from Letort Spring is filtered and treated with chlorine for disinfection and ortho/polyphosphate for corrosion control. Fluoride is added to promote strong teeth and the water goes through a softening system before it is distributed to Carlisle Barracks.

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS:

- **Action Level (AL)** – 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** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDGLs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

- **Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at a detectable level.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

UNITS OF MEASURE:

- **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.
- **Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/L)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/L)** - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	Highest # of Positive Samples	MCLG	Violation	Sources of Contamination
Total Coliform	More than 1 positive monthly sample	0	0	NO	Naturally present in the environment.

Note: Sample date is supplied if other than 2009.

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation	Sources of Contamination
Fluoride*	4	4	1.59	0.67 – 1.59	ppm		NO	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	10	10	4.5	4.2 - 4.5	ppm		NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Metolachlor	N/A	N/A	0.00031	0.00031	ppm		NO	
Sulfate	250	5	32	N/A	mg/L	Jan '07	NO	
Trihalomethanes	0.08	N/A	0.0163	N/A	ppm	Aug '07	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination

* EPA's MCL for fluoride is 4 ppm, however Pennsylvania set a lower MCL to better protect human health.

Contaminant	AL	MCLG	90 th Percentile Value	Units	# of Sites Above AL out of 10 sample sites	Sample Date	Violation	Sources of Contamination
Copper	1.3	1.3	0.43	ppm	0	Aug & Sept '07	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	15	15	0.0028	ppm	0	Aug & Sept '07	NO	Corrosion of service lines and household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

OTHER CONTAMINANTS:

Sample results for Tetrachloroethylene (2009), Trichloroethylene (2009), Haloacetic Acids (2007), Alpha emitters (2003) were Non-Detects.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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 byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- 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 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's **Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791** or by visiting the EPA website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised person 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 (above).

Lead

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. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. 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 website (above).

Nitrate

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Sodium

Due to our water softening requirements the average level of sodium in our water is 157 mg/L. We understand some customers follow a low sodium diet. If you are on a restricted sodium diet, please consult your health care provider or registered dietitian for guidance.

We at U.S. Army Garrison Carlisle Barracks, Directorate of Public Works, are proud to provide you with quality water. We ask all our customers help us protect our water sources. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Ms. Donna Swauger, Biological Science Technician at 245-3908 or donna.swauger@us.army.mil.