

**TRIADELPHIA RIDGE ELEMENTARY DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT**  
**February 2008**

The following report is being provided by HCPSS's Office of Safety, Environment and Risk Management as a courtesy (not required by law) and is meant to resemble the required annual consumer confidence report provided to consumers by their public water utility/provider informing them about their drinking water. The below language was based on EPA's Guidance document entitled "Preparing Your Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report." Your school's water is supplied by well(s) located on school property. **All sampling results are below Federal and State Drinking Water Standards.** Should anyone have questions or comments, please contact the Office of Safety, Environment and Risk Management at 410-313-6699.

**MONITORING OF SCHOOL'S WATER SUPPLY**

Below are the following contaminant categories that are regularly monitored to ensure safe drinking water quality.

<b>Contaminant Category</b>	<b>Current Testing Frequency</b>	<b>Currently Tested By</b>	<b>Last Tested (available)</b>
Bacteria	Quarterly	Third Party Water Collector	August 22, 2007
Nitrate	Annually	Third Party Water Collector	January 11, 2007
Metals	Every 3 years	Third Party Water Collector	February 23, 2005
Arsenic	Every 3 years	Third Party Water Collector	January 11, 2007
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Eg. gasoline and disinfectant by-products	Every 3 years	Maryland Department of the Environment	June 1, 2004
Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOCs) Eg. pesticides	Every 6 years	Maryland Department of the Environment	March 27, 2006
Lead and Copper (L&C)	Every 3 years	HCPSS Certified Water Sampler	June 14, 2006

**DEFINITIONS**

Parts Per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/l) = a unit used to denote concentration of chemicals or other substances. The unit implies a part of something in one million parts of water or other substances. The following comparisons help in putting this concentration in perspective; 1 inch in 16 miles, 1 cent in \$10,000 or 1 drop in 60 quarts of liquid.

Parts Per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (ug/l) = a unit used to denote concentration of chemicals or other substances. The unit implies a part of something in one billion parts of water or other substances. The following comparisons help in putting this concentration in perspective; 1 inch in 16,000 miles, 1 cent in \$10,000,000 or 1 drop in 60,000 quarts of liquid.

Action Level (AL)= the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements the water system must follow.

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.

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**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

Please note that a public notification is required when a standard is violated and is issued by the Office of Safety, Environment and Risk Management.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or man-made. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Standards are set at very stringent levels for health effects and incorporate a margin of safety. Current standards are designed to protect children and adults. The standards take into account the potential effects of contaminants on segments of the population that are most at risk. **The MCL is based on drinking 2- liters every day at the MCL level for a lifetime (70 years) to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.**

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.

**DETECTED CONTAMINANTS (per most recent test)** – if a category and/or contaminant is not listed below it means it was not detected during the last test available.

Contaminant	Category	Level Detected	MCL	MCLG	AL	Potential Sources	Potential Health Effects (consuming in excess of MCL)
Arsenic	Metals	2.8 ppb	10 ppb	0	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production waste	Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Copper	L&C	0.86 mg/l	N/A	N/A	1.3 mg/l 90th percentile	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water in excess of AL over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Chronic exposure could cause liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.