The United States Congress has directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to require public water systems to report annually on the quality of drinking water they provide. The City of Fort Smith Utilities supports this regulation and is providing this report to all customers in our service area.

This report is about your drinking water sources and quality; regulations that protect your health; programs that protect the high quality of our supply sources; and the treatment processes that assure our drinking water meets or surpasses all federal and state standards.

Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act in 1974, delegating to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to regulate public water systems to protect public health.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations established limits for contaminants in bottled water.

#### Water Supply Expansion Continues

Water is one of Earth's most valuable resources. To ensure that you and future generations have adequate water, the city is constructing the Lake Fort Smith water supply project. Estimated to cost \$180 million, the project is expected to meet the region's water needs through 2050. Construction on the expansion project began in June 2002. The dam is currently about 75% complete and is scheduled to be finished by mid-year 2006.

The expansion project will combine the existing Lake Fort Smith and Shepherd Springs into one lake. The dam at Lake Fort Smith will be raised 101 feet, creating a lake with a surface area of 1,398 acres capable of reliably providing up to 45 million gallons of water a day. The dam at Shepherd Springs will be removed.



The Lake Fort Smith state park is being rebuilt on the west shore of the lake just above the existing Lake Shepherd Springs dam. The new \$22 million dollar state park is expected to be ready for opening in early 2007.

Lake Fort Smith has been supplying water to the region since 1936. Currently, more than 130,000 people receive water daily from Fort Smith's supplies. Population estimates project that the area will grow to more than 300,000 by the year 2040.

A dependable, safe and high-quality water supply is essential for Fort Smith's and the region's continued prosperity. Lake Fort Smith will continue to meet the area's growing water demand well into the 21st Century.

#### Visit us on the Internet!

For more information regarding your drinking water, visit our web site at **www.fortsmithwater.org.** 

This site contains additional information regarding your drinking water such as: up-to-date water quality information, water conservation status, updates on water supply projects and other utility related information.

You can also ask questions via E-mail, and there is an updated section for kids to help them learn more about their drinking water.

Fresh clean drinking water is yours to use whenever you need it. But not to waste. It's too valuable. Remember that a little effort and a little common sense will make a big difference. **Use Water...And Use it Wisely** 

#### Fort Smith's Water Sources

Fort Smith has two independent water sources. Our primary water source is the Frog Bayou watershed, a 74 square mile forested valley located in the Boston Mountains, 2 miles north of Mountainburg, AR. The Frog Bayou supply comes from rain (43-56" of rain per year), and stream runoff flowing down the slopes of the watershed. The water is stored in two large lakes, **Lake Shepherd Springs** (approximately 500 surface acres) and **Lake Fort Smith** (approximately 400 surface acres).

Fort Smith's other water supply is the Lee Creek watershed, a 439 square mile area located in both the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Lee Creek supply also comes from rain (43-56" of rain per year), and stream runoff flowing down the slopes of the watershed. The water is stored in the **Lee Creek Reservoir** (approximately 634 surface acres).

"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 radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity."

#### Protect Your Drinking Water . . . Protect the Source!

Have you ever thought about where your drinking water comes from, beyond the faucet? We Have! Did you know that what you do in and around your home can affect not only the quality of your water but also the quality of your neighbor's water?

Safe drinking water is essential to a community's quality of life and continued economic growth. Yet citizens may not always be aware of safe drinking water issues in their community and may not realize what needs to be done to protect drinking water and keep it safe for their families and businesses. Drinking water supplies across the country are being contaminated daily by common activities, such as pouring motor oil and household chemicals down drains, using too much pesticides and fertilizers, and littering streets with refuse that will eventually run off into rivers and streams. When water supplies are not safe, the health of the community — especially of the young, the old, and the sick — is jeopardized. In addition, communities may experience a loss of tax revenues from real estate and new jobs as businesses refuse to locate to or remain in communities with known or suspected water contamination problems.

Protecting drinking water sources is the first line of defense in ensuring safe drinking water. If communities are aware of their drinking water sources and of potential threats to these sources and their watersheds, they can take steps to keep the sources safe and improve their local environment. There is something everyone — from retirees to school kids to individuals in their homes — can do to help.

Why should watersheds matter to me? While folks may not always realize it, they place a high value on healthy watersheds. Without proper watershed management, communities across the nation are experiencing similar problems, including drinking water contamination, increased flooding, and a loss of natural areas.

Since the beginning of time, a safe and dependable source of water has been a major factor in where people settled. Currently, humans depend on wells, springs, reservoirs, lakes, streams and rivers for our ever-expanding need for water. Once a water source is located, we usually do not question its safety and dependability. If the drinking water looks good, tastes good and smells good, we assume it is safe to drink. Progress, however, has not left water in its natural state. In the last century, both population and business activity have exploded. Yet there is no more fresh water today than there was a million years ago. While 70 percent of the earth is covered with water, 97 percent is salt water. Of the three percent that is fresh water, approximately two thirds is frozen and unavailable for use.

Industry, agriculture and the growth of cities have all contributed to greater use and greater contamination of water sources. Many places in this country face a critical water shortage, at the same time that the quality of their water is at risk. Until recently, public water systems have relied on testing and treatment to provide safe drinking water. The passage of the SDWA brings a new focus on prevention and protection. Source water protection is the first line in preventing drinking water contamination and the cornerstone of efforts to save future costs in treatment and possible replacement of local water supplies.

The Arkansas Department of Health completed a Source Water Vulnerability Assessment for Fort Smith Waterworks (PWS ID 507) on June 15, 2000. This assessment summarizes the potential for contamination of our source(s) of drinking water and can be used as a basis for developing a source water protection plan. Based on the various criteria of the assessment, our water sources have been determined to have a low to medium susceptibility to contamination. You may request a summary of the Source Water Vulnerability Assessment from the Fort Smith Water Utility office, or accessed through the Arkansas Department of Health's website at: <a href="https://www.healthyarkansas.com/eng/swp.htm">www.healthyarkansas.com/eng/swp.htm</a>

### 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 organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- \* Radioactive materials, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

#### **About Cryptosporidium...**

Cryptosporidium parvum caused intestinal illness in thousands of people in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1993. This organism can be transmitted several ways, including drinking water. People may also be exposed to Cryptosporidium by person-to-person exposure (handling diapers from an infected child) or animal-to-person (such as fecal contamination from an infected pet).

Growing scientific knowledge about this organism suggests it is naturally present in bodies of water throughout the world. Surface water supplies are particularly vulnerable if they receive runoff or pollution from human or animal wastes. (Surface water supplies, such as rivers and lakes rely on water that flows across the surface of the land.)

Both the Frog Bayou and Lee Creek watersheds receive water that comes into contact with agricultural practices such as cattle farming and people living in these watersheds. Additionally, wild animals have been known to harbor Cryptosporidium.

The City of Fort Smith tests its source water for the presence of Cryptosporidium. Our monitoring indicates low levels of these organisms are occasionally detected in our source 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. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water. To date there have been no known cases of Cryptosporidiosis (the disease caused by cryptosporidium) attributed to Fort Smith's drinking water.

#### Terms and abbreviations used in this report

**Finished water**: Water leaving the treatment plant and entering the distribution system.

**Unregulated contaminants**: The EPA has not established a maximum contaminant level for every contaminant that might be found in drinking water. If no value is entered for the maximum contaminant level goal, the contaminant is not currently regulated or is not considered to pose a health risk.

**Minimum detection limits**: Many contaminants cannot be detected by current testing procedures. That can mean either there is no contaminant present, or that it is present at levels too low for modern laboratory equipment to detect.

**Concentration Levels**: Most measurements are reported in concentrations of milligrams (1/1000 of a gram) per liter of water (mg/L). This is the same as one part per million. If a different measurement is used, the table will note that.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) 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 Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) 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.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL)** - These are non-mandatory water quality standards established as aesthetic guidelines.

**Treatment technique (TT)**-(mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Action level (AL)**-"The concentration of a contaminant which triggers a treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow."

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)**-is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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.

#### **Key to Water Quality Tables**

AL	Action Level
TT	Treatment Technique
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter, (equivalent to 1 cent
	in \$10,000 or 1 minute in 2 years)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter, (equivalent to 1 cent
	in \$10,000,000 or 1 second in 32 years)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

MRDLG Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal

The data represented in the following tables are from the monitoring period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 unless otherwise noted.

## Water Quality Data Tables

Microbiological Contaminants								
Contaminant/(Site)	Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water		
Total Coliform Bacteria	N	0	Present	0	> 1 positive monthly sample	Naturally present in the environment		
Turbidity* (Mountainburg Plant)	N	Highest yearly sample result: 2.00 Lowest monthly % of samples meeting the turbidity limit: 97.2	NTU	NA	>0.3 NTU in >5% of the samples or any 1 sample > 1 NTU	Soil runoff		
Turbidity* (Lee Creek Plant)	N	Highest yearly sample result: 0.34 Lowest monthly % of samples meeting the turbidity limit: 98.9	NTU	NA	>0.3 NTU in >5% of the samples or any 1 sample > 1 NTU	Soil runoff		

Note: \* 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 systems.

Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant/(Site)	Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Nitrate [as Nitrogen], (Mountainburg Plant)	N	0.33	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrate [as Nitrogen], (Lee Creek Plant)	N	0.28	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	

Lead and Copper Tap Monitoring							
Contaminant/(Site)	Number of sites over Action Level	90% percentile result	95% percentile result	Unit of Measurement	Action Level	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
Lead(Pb) (Distribution System)	0	0.002	0.003	ppm	0.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	
Copper(Cu) (Distribution System)	0	0.2	0.2	ppm	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits	

#### **Disinfection By-Products Precursors**

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was routinely monitored in 2004, and our water system met all TOC removal requirements set by USEPA. Total Organic Carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, Total Organic Carbon provides a medium for the formation of disinfection by-products. These by-products include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs).

Regulated Disinfectants						
Disinfectant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	MRDLG	MRDL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Chlorine	N	Average: 0.89 Range: 0.01-2.04	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

Volatile Organic Contaminants							
Contaminant/(Site)	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] (Distribution system)	N	Highest running annual average: 21.6 Range: 8.6-48.6	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection	
TTHM [Total Trihalomethanes] (Distribution system)	N	Highest running annual average: 30.7 Range: 11.4-60.1	ppb	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection	

<sup>&</sup>quot;All 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 the 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 at 1-800-426-4791."

# Water Quality Data Tables

Unregulated Contaminants							
Contaminant/(Site)	Level	Unit of	MCLG	Major Sources in Drinking Water			
	Detected	Measurement					
Chloroform (Mountainburg Plant)	3.62	ppb	NA	By-products of drinking water disinfection			
Bromodichloromethane (Mountainburg Plant)	1.34	ppb	0	By-products of drinking water disinfection			
Chloroform (Lee Creek Plant)	28.1	ppb	NA	By-products of drinking water disinfection			
Bromodichloromethane (Lee Creek Plant)	4.35	ppb	0	By-products of drinking water disinfection			
Dibromochloromethane (Lee Creek Plant)	0.75	ppb	60	By-products of drinking water disinfection			

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. MCLs (Maximum Contaminant Level) and MCLGs (Maximum Contaminant Level Goals) have not been established for all unregulated contaminants.

Secondary Standards - Standards Recommended by U.S. EPA and ADH								
Physical Analytes	Unit of Measurement	Secondary MCL	Level Detected in Lake Fort Smith/Shepherd Springs Finished Water	Level Detected in Lee Creek Finished Water				
Apparent Color	Color Units	15	13	4				
Reaction pH	Standard Units	6.5 - 8.5	6.45	7.20				
Odor	Qualitative	3	0	0				

Inorganic Chemicals	Unit of Measurement	Secondary MCL	Level Detected in Lake Fort Smith/Shepherd Springs Finished Water	Level Detected in Lee Creek Finished Water
Aluminum	ppm	0.05 - 0.2	< 0.01	0.13
Chloride	ppm	250	3.7	6.9
Iron	ppm	0.3	< 0.1	<0.1
Manganese	ppm	0.05	< 0.001	< 0.001
Sulfate	ppm	250	25.0	3.9
Zinc	ppm	NA	< 0.006	0.0067

Additional Water Quality Parameters Monitored by ADH/City of Fort Smith							
Analytes	Unit of Measurement	Level Detected in Lake Fort Smith/ Shepherd Springs Finished Water	Level Detected in Lee Creek Finished Water				
Alkalinity (Total)	ppm as CaCO3	16	29				
Calcium	ppm as CaCO3	14.1	12.7				
Carbonate Hardness	ppm as CaCO3	16	29				
Fluoride	ppm	<0.2	< 0.2				
Hardness (Total)	ppm as CaCO3	41	37				
Magnesium	ppm	1.50	1.38				
Potassium	ppm	<2.5	<2.5				
Sodium	ppm	2.55	2.67				
Sediment	ppm	< 0.5	< 0.5				

Violations			
Type:	From:	То:	Corrective Action:
Water Quality Parameter—Non Compliance (Entry Point Water Quality Parameters not met)	1/21/04	1/22/04	Water Quality limits were adjusted by Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)*
Water Quality Parameter—Non Compliance (Entry Point Water Quality Parameters not met)	7/23/04	11/02/04	Water Quality limits were adjusted by Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)*

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Previous "limits" were established by Arkansas Dept. of Health (ADH) staff utilizing historical data submitted by the City of Fort Smith. Additional data was submitted for ADH consideration and based upon review of that data, ADH staff adjusted the "limits".

#### Important Health Information for Immuno-compromised persons.

"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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)."

#### **Regulations for Public Water Systems**

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act required that water quality standards be developed and enforced. Congress delegated enforcement of these drinking water standards to the EPA. The EPA develops rules that govern how the provisions of the Act will be carried out. The Arkansas Department of Health is the primacy agency that enforces drinking water regulations in Arkansas. In order to assure tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

# "The Safe Drinking Water Act regulates public drinking water supplies."

In 1986 Congress reauthorized the Act and amended it. The 1986 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Rules developed to implement it have influenced the operation of Fort Smith's water system. Among the changes were the initial regulation of 83 drinking water contaminants, and a requirement to regulate an additional 25 contaminants every three years.

We make every effort to assure that the water supplied by Fort Smith's public water system complies with federal and state drinking water standards.

#### Primary standards protect public health.

Primary standards include maximum contaminant levels, maximum contaminant level goals, action levels and treatment techniques. These standards are established by the EPA to protect human health.

#### Secondary standards relate to aesthetics.

These guidelines designed to assure good aesthetic quality of water. Secondary standards apply to contaminants that affect the taste, odor or color of water, stain sinks or bathtubs, or interfere with treatment processes. Secondary contaminants are not considered to present a risk to human health at the SMCL.

#### Is our water system meeting the rules that govern our operations?

As you can see in the Water Quality tables, our system had no contaminant violations during 2004. The violations experienced were resolved by submitting additional data that more properly characterized the water quality of the entry sampling points. No changes in operations were required to come back into compliance with these amended "limits". We at the Fort Smith Water Utility work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap.

#### **Fort Smith 2005 Water Conservation Program**

Fort Smith has a two-phase water conservation plan. Phase I will begin when the water levels drop below 100% capacity or June 1, which ever is later. Phase II will begin only if the water supplies drop below 50% capacity. Listed below are the things that you can and cannot do during the Phase I conservation period. Watch the newspaper for additional measures if Phase II is required.

#### What You Can Do

- 1. Water outdoors before 10:00 am or after 7:00 pm lawn, shrubs, plants, trees and gardens every other day using the even/odd address system. If your residence or business address ends with an even number, you may water outdoors on even numbered days of the month. If your address ends with an odd number, you may water outdoors on odd numbered days.
- 2. Fill your swimming pool, fountains and wash building exteriors every other day on the even/odd address schedule.
- 3. Wash motor vehicles, boats or trailers (not applicable to commercial car washes) every other day on the even/odd address schedule.

#### What You Cannot Do

- 1. Water lawns, shrubs, plants, trees and gardens between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- 2. Allow water to run down the street or onto another person's property while lawn watering, irrigating, washing motor vehicles, boats, trailers or building exteriors.
- 3. Wash off hard surfaced areas such as sidewalks, walkways, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts and other hard surfaced areas using water from the city's water supply. Restaurants and food processors may use water for this purpose only to the extent necessary to maintain and preserve the public health.
- 4. Use water from fire hydrants or other city sources for construction purposes or fire drills.

Additional information regarding water conservation may be obtained by contacting the Fort Smith Water Utility by calling 479-784-2231.

Water Conservation tips: Water conservation measures not only save the supply of our water source, but can also cut the cost of water treatment by saving energy. Here are some conservation measures you can take:

#### At Home:

- 1. Fix leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
- 2. Install water-saving devices
- 3. Wash only full loads of laundry
- 4. Don't let the water run while shaving, washing, or brushing teeth
- 5. Run the dishwasher only when full.

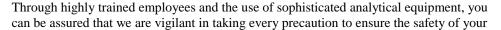
#### **Outdoors:**

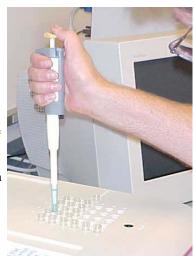
- 1. Water the lawn and garden as little as possible
- 2. Choose plants that don't need much water
- 3. Repair leaks in faucets and hoses
- 4. Use water from a bucket to wash your car, and save the hose for rinsing.
- 5. Obey any and all water bans or regulations.

#### **Environmental Services Analytical Laboratory (ESAL)**

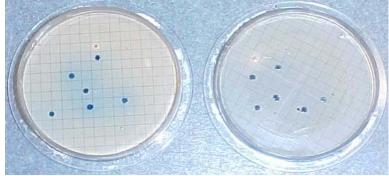
The City of Fort Smith's Environmental Services Analytical Laboratory (ESAL) is one of only a few laboratories in the state certified by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) for drinking water analyses. In 2005 our laboratory achieved a 100% compliance rating in the Spring Coliform Proficiency Test (PT) Study for Membrane Filtration (MF) and Chromo/Fluoro (CF) standards. These results extended our laboratory's Arkansas Department of Health certification for the 19th consecutive year.

The laboratory serves as a back up to ADH's laboratory in the event of emergency. ESAL also provides support to other local water utilities with analyses for Boil Orders. Due to the decreased turn around time provided, ESAL can help a water utility overcome the restraints a "Boil Order" can place on a utility and it's customers. ESAL processed 1,000 bacteriological samples for routine compliance monitoring and response to "Boil Order" issuance in 2004.









We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

If you have any questions about this report or to learn more about your water utility, contact the Fort Smith Utility Department at 479-784-2231 or visit our web site at **www.fortsmithwater.org**.

You can attend meetings of the City's Board of Directors held on the first and third Tuesday of each month (contact the City Clerk's office at 479-784-2208 for meeting times and locations). Agendas and meeting minutes may also be viewed on the city's web site at www.fsark.com. Click on "Board of Directors".

If you have additional questions regarding the quality of drinking water, you can contact someone on the following list.

#### Agency

**Telephone Number** 

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline

(800) 426-4791

Arkansas Department of Health (501) 661-2623 Div. of Engineering

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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water, what it means and services we deliver to you every day. 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.

"This report contains important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak with someone who understands it."

# Spanish:

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Vietnamese: Chi tiết này thật quan trọng. Xin nhờ người dịch cho quý vị.

# Laotian:

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