

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report **2023**

TOWN OF CONKLIN WATER DEPARTMENT

1271 Conklin Road; Conklin, New York
Public Water Supply I.D. Number NY0301660

INTRODUCTION

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Quality Water Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water source is groundwater, which is withdrawn from the aquifer via two wells. The primary well (Well #6) is located on Terrace Drive. The second well (Well #5) is also located at the same facility. Both wells are treated at the Well #5 & #6 treatment plant on Terrace Drive. Treatment of the Town of Conklin water consists of disinfection with liquid chlorine, fluoridation, and the addition of an approved sequestering agent/pipe coating chemical called Aqua Mag.

A Source Water Assessment has been completed for our water system. A summary of this assessment has been completed by the Broome County Health Department and is attached to this report. A source water protection plan is available from our office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination.

The Town of Conklin Water Department is pleased to report that our drinking water substantially meets federal and state requirements. The enclosed report shows our water quality and what it means. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Water Department at (607) 775-4584. If you want to learn more, please attend any of the Town Board's regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m., at the Conklin Town Hall located at 1271 Conklin Road; Conklin, New York.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, 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 activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, inorganic compounds, nitrate, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, synthetic organic compounds, disinfection byproducts,

and emerging organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old. Also, you may notice that some of our samples were collected in January 2024. This was due to a sample collection scheduling problem with the laboratory. These sample results are for the 2023 sampling year.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Broome County Health Department (607-778-2887).

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations, but we have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below New York State requirements.

Although our lead levels are well below the Action Level, we are required to present the following information on lead in drinking water:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. The Village of Deposit Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but 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 (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

EMERGING ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), Perfluorooctansulfonic acid (PFOS), and 1,4 Dioxane (1,4-D)

PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4-D are relatively ubiquitous in the environment due to their historical widespread use and persistence. The New York State Health Department has instituted regulations requiring water systems to test for these contaminants.

PFOA and PFOS have been used in a variety of consumer and industrial products as surface coatings and/or protectants because of their nonstick properties. Research indicates that these compounds bioaccumulate in various organisms, including fish and humans.

1,4-D has been largely used as a solvent stabilizer for chemical processing but can also be found as a purifying agent in the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals as well as a contaminant in ethoxylated surfactants commonly used in consumer cosmetics, detergents, and shampoos.

Research indicates that this chemical does not bioaccumulate in the food chain.

We are pleased to inform you that we did not detect any of these compounds in our drinking water.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2023, our system was in substantial compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

INFORMATION ON FLUORIDE ADDITION

Our system is one of the many drinking water systems in New York State that provides drinking water with a controlled, low level of fluoride for consumer dental health protection. According to the United States Centers for Disease Control, fluoride is very effective in preventing cavities when present in drinking water at a properly controlled level. To ensure that the fluoride supplement in your water provides optimal dental protection, we monitor fluoride levels on a daily basis to make sure fluoride is maintained at a target level of 0.7 mg/l. During 2023, monitoring showed that fluoride levels in your water were within 0.2 mg/l of the target level for greater than 90% of the time. None of the monitoring results showed fluoride at levels that approach the 2.2 mg/l MCL for fluoride.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water substantially met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens 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 from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;

- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and

- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

- Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.

- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.

- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day.

- Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.

- Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

Use your water meter to detect hidden leaks. Simply turn off all taps and water using appliances, then check the meter after 15 minutes. If it moved, you have a leak.

CONCLUSION

We at the Town of Conklin Water Department works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Please call our office at (607) 775-4584 if you have questions regarding this document or the Town of Conklin Water System in general.

TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS - CONKLIN

Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Sample Location	Date of Sample	Level Detected (range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium	No	Wells 5 & 6 Entry Point	1/18/24	0.0497	mg/l	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead ²	No	Distribution	9/28/23	1.0 (ND-1.0)	ug/l	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits.
Copper ²	No	Distribution	9/28/23	0.937 (0.192-1.07)	mg/l	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	No	Wells 5 & 6 Entry Point	1/18/24	1.51	mg/l	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	No	Wells 5 & 6 Entry Point	1/18/24	1.54	mg/l	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Sodium ³	No	Wells 5 & 6 Entry Point	1/18/24	36.7	mg/l	N/A	See Health Effects	Naturally occurring; Road salt; Water softeners; Animal waste.

Disinfection Byproducts

Total Trihalomethanes ⁴	No	Distribution	9/28/23	38.7	ug/l	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
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Radiological Contaminants

Radium-226	No	Wells 5 & 6 Entry Point	8/22/22	0.0746	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits.
Radium-226	No	Wells 5 & 6 Entry Point	8/22/22	0.824	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits.

Notes:

2	The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead/copper values detected at your water system.
3	Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.
4	This level represents the total levels of the following contaminants: chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, bromoform.

Definitions:

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.

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.

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

Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Milligrams per liter (mg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

Micrograms per liter (ug/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

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INTRODUCTION

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If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Water Department at (607) 775-4584. If you want to learn more, please attend any of the Town Board's regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m., at the Conklin Town Hall located at 1271 Conklin Road; Conklin, New York.

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One sample collected on 8/14/2023 was positive for coliform bacteria. All three required repeat samples were negative for coliform bacteria.

Total Trihalomethanes, byproducts of chlorine disinfection, were collected on 9/28/2023 and detected at 18.6 ug/l which is below the Maximum Contaminant Level of 80 ug/l.

Haloacetic Acids, byproducts of chlorine disinfection, were collected on 9/28/2023 and detected at 2.75 ug/l which is below the Maximum Contaminant Level of 60 ug/l.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

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CONCLUSION

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