

**2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report  
From  
Tionesta Borough Water Supply (PWSID# 6270001)**

**Tionesta Borough is very pleased** to provide you with this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We are happy to report that the system operated without violation during 2012. Our goal is, and will be, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The purpose of this report is to keep you informed about the water and services that we have delivered to you over the past year.

**If you have any questions about this report or concerns about your water utility in general, please contact the borough manager Colleen M. Call at (814) 755-3502 or feel free to visit our regular meetings. Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM. in the borough office located at 631 Elm Street.**

*Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Gage que alguien lo traduzca para usted, ó hable con alguien que lo entienda. (This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.)*

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**Is my water safe?**

Tionesta Borough routinely monitors contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State regulations. Your water met all applicable requirements during the 2012 calendar year. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

**Where does my water come from?**

Your water comes from three wells located within the Borough. Two of these wells are at our pump house located on the west side of Elm Street across from the Industrial Development Complex and the third is located at the IDC property on the east side of Elm Street, both at the northern end of the Borough. A Source Water Assessment of our sources was completed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The assessment has found that our sources are potentially most susceptible to agricultural pesticides and road deicing materials. Overall, our sources have little risk of significant contamination. A summary report of the assessment is available on the Source Water Assessment & Protection webpage at (<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/Subjects/SrceProt/SourceAssessment/default.htm>).

Complete reports were distributed to municipalities, water supplier, local planning agencies and PADEP regional office. Copies of the complete report are available for review at the PADEP Northwest Regional Office, Records Management Unit at (814) 332-6340.

**Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?**

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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, 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.