

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2015
Town of Bethlehem Water District No.1
445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054
(Public Water Supply Identification Number NY0100191)

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, the Town of Bethlehem Department of Public Works issues an annual report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, we conducted tests for over 80 contaminants. We detected 22 of those contaminants, and only found 1 of those contaminants at a higher level than the State allows. As we told you at that time, our water exceeded the drinking water standard for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and we are continuing our efforts to rectify the problem by performing increased levels of distribution system flushing and designing improvements to one of our water treatment plants will result in a reduced amount of the TTHMs being formed in the distribution system.

This report is an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to New York State standards. Our constant goal is to provide to 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 to protect our water resources. If you have any questions concerning this report or concerning your drinking water please contact: Mr. George S. Kansas P.E. Commissioner of Department of Public Works, 445 Delaware Ave, Delmar NY 12054, Telephone (518) 439-4955 or e-mail GKansas@townofbethlehem.org .

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap 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; pesticides and herbicides; 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 Departments and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

The Bethlehem Water District No. 1 draws its water from both "surface water" and "ground water" sources. During 2015, our system did not experience any restriction of our water sources. These sources are:

- Surface water drawn from the Vly Creek Reservoir located in the Town of New Scotland
- Groundwater from two (2) wells located in the Town of New Scotland
- Groundwater from eleven (11) wells located along the Hudson River
- Surface water drawn from the Alcove Reservoir located in the Town of Coeymans (City of Albany water purchased by the Town of Bethlehem)

The New Salem Water Purification Plant draws its water from the Vly Creek Reservoir, which has a storage capacity of 1.25 billion gallons. The New Salem Water Purification Plant has a peak capacity for purifying 6 million gallons of water per day. The treatment process consists of chlorination for disinfection; taste and odor control with the use of activated carbon; coagulation with aluminum sulfate; filtration with rapid sand filter, and corrosion control. There is no fluoride added to the Bethlehem Water Supply. Algae growth in the Reservoir is controlled by treatment with copper sulfate in the summer months. Water is pumped from the purification plant to a 5,700,000-gallon steel water storage tank. From that point, water is delivered by gravity through a network of water mains, which reach all the way from North Bethlehem to Selkirk.

There are also two deep wells to supplement the capacity of the New Salem Water Plant. Each well has a capacity of 374 gallons per minute. We are permitted by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to withdraw 550,000 gallons per day, or 0.550 million gallons per day (MGD). Groundwater or well water is stored below the surface of the earth in deep, porous rocks or porous deposits of sand or gravel called "aquifers." Groundwater is purified naturally as it filters through layers of soil, clay, rock and sand. This process, known as "percolation" takes years to complete. As a result, groundwater requires less treatment than surface water.

The Clapper Road Water Purification Plant is supplied by facilities including a groundwater infiltration system and a well field that consist of 11 drilled wells which is adjacent to the Hudson River on Schemerhorn Island. The Water Purification Plant has the ability to treat 6 million gallon per day. The plant uses 4 Trident filter units for water purification with chlorine as the primary disinfection agent. Chemicals used include coagulation with Polyaluminum Chloride (PAC) and a non-ionic polymer, potassium permanganate for taste and odor control and a corrosion inhibitor.

To further strengthen the water distribution system and cooperate in a more regional approach to water supply, there are two interconnections with the City of Albany's water supply. One interconnection is located in a residential area on Kenwood Avenue and the other is in an industrial area on Creble Road. The Town currently purchases water from the City of Albany to supplement our capacity. We also have an emergency interconnect with the Town of Guilderland's water system in North Bethlehem. This interconnect can provide water from Bethlehem to Guilderland or vice versa depending upon which community needs supplemental water.

The City of Albany's water source is the Alcove Reservoir that is located on the Hannacroix Creek. Albany also has the Basic Creek Reservoir that serves as a secondary source. Treatment of Albany's water includes coagulation, sedimentation, pH, alkalinity adjustment and filtration at the Albany Filtration Plant. Chlorine is added at the Albany plant as a residual disinfectant to maintain microbiological quality throughout the distribution system. Albany does not add fluoride to its water supply.

FACTS AND FIGURES

The Bethlehem Water District serves 33,500 people through 11,582 service connections. In 2015, the District provided 725,690,000 gallons of water from the New Salem Plant, 192,607,000 gallons from Well #1 and Well #2, and 599,173,000 gallons of water from the Clapper Road Plant. Supplemental water purchased from Albany was 458,104,000 gallons. The total volume of water produced from all sources in 2015 was 1,975,574,000,000 gallons. Approximately 1,602,544,067 gallons of water was billed to customers of Water District #1. The difference (18.9%) between the volume billed and the total volume produced is water used firefighting, flushing of the water distribution system, errors in water meters and water lost to leaks.

Our water system has over 175 miles of water mains and approximately 1,350 hydrants for fire protection. It also includes several covered water storage tanks with a combined capacity of over 17,000,000 gallons. Additionally, there are two water storage tanks with 1,000,000 gallons in each tank at the Clapper Road Water purification plant. Average daily water production for the New Salem Plant; Clapper Road Plant; Well#1; Well#2 and Albany was 5,412,531 gallons per day, or 5.41 MGD.

The charges for water in 2015 were as follows: 1CF (Cubic Foot) to 500CF = \$2.04 per 100 cubic feet or \$2.72 per 1,000 gallons of water; 501CF to 100,000CF = \$4.07 per 100 CF or \$5.44 per 1,000 gallons; and 100,001 CF and over = \$2.35 per 100 CF or \$3.14 per 1,000 gallons. Water customers located outside of the Water District were billed twice the In-District rates listed above. A 10% late fee was assessed on any bill not paid by the due date.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

In accordance with State regulations, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. Plant operators perform daily laboratory tests. Chlorine levels are constantly monitored. Drinking water is also tested by independent laboratories for such things as inorganic contaminants, radiological contaminants, lead and copper, nitrate, volatile organic contaminants, disinfection byproducts and synthetic organic contaminants. In addition, we test fifty-two (52) samples for coliform bacteria each month from the New Salem Water Treatment and Distribution System and eight (8) from the Clapper Road Water Treatment and Distribution System are tested for coliform bacteria. All samples were found to be safe. The tables presented below depict 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 compounds do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old. Complete records are on file in the Water District Office. For a listing of all the parameters that we must analyze and the frequency of testing for compliance, please see the NYS Sanitary Code.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, might be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily pose 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), the EPA website at www.epa.gov or the Albany County Health Department at (518) 447-4620.

INFORMATION ON UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Both the Town of Bethlehem and the City of Albany have performed monitoring for the EPA Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring 3) over the past five years. This is a requirement of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act amendments. This monitoring provides a basis for future regulatory action to protect the public health. The number in parentheses refers to the number of analytes measured for a total of 21 analytes. The breakdown of analytes is as follows: volatile organic chemicals (7), synthetic organic compounds (1), metals (6), oxyhalide anion (1) and perfluorinated compounds (6). We have listed those compounds that were detected in the table of Detected Contaminants for Bethlehem. For some parameters there are no associated MCL's for these compounds at this time. If you have any questions about the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation or the results provided in the tables below, please contact the Albany County Department of Health at (518) 447-4620.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the tables below, our system was in violation of the total trihalomethanes regulation in 2015. We exceeded the MCL for the total trihalomethanes at one of our sites during each of the 4 quarters of monitoring. Trihalomethanes are byproducts of the drinking water disinfection process, which is needed to kill harmful organisms that may be in the water. The trihalomethanes form when natural organic matter (like decomposing leaves and algae) react with the chlorine that is added to the water. The EPA provides the following health effects information on trihalomethanes: "Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer." We are working closely with the EPA and NYS and Albany County Departments of Health to correct this violation. We are currently designing improvements at the Clapper Road WTP that will allow us to remove more natural organic matter from the water and relocate the point of chlorine addition to the end of the drinking water treatment process. This will result in a significant reduction in the formation of trihalomethanes in the distribution system and get us into compliance with the State regulation.

Besides the trihalomethanes, we detected other contaminants in our system; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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 microbiological pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

INFORMATION ON 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. The Town of Bethlehem 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2015, our system was in compliance with applicable New York State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

WHAT IS THE SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SWAP)?

To emphasize the protection of surface and ground water sources used for public drinking water, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in 1996. The amendments require that New York State Department of Health's Bureau of Public Water Supply Protection is responsible for ensuring that source water assessments are completed for all of New York's public water systems.

A source water assessment provides information on the potential contaminant threats to public drinking water sources:

- ◆ Each source water assessment will: determine where water used for public drinking water comes from (delineate the source areas)
- ◆ Inventory potential sources of contamination that may impact public drinking water sources
- ◆ Assess the likelihood of a source water area becoming potential contaminated

SWAP summaries for each of our water sources are attached to this report.

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 storage facilities; and
- ◆ Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during dry spells or droughts, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential firefighting 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:

- ◆ Only run the dishwasher and clothes washer when there is a full load.
- ◆ Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth and washing dishes.
- ◆ Use water saving showerheads.
- ◆ Install faucet aerators in the kitchen and the bathroom to reduce the flow from 4 to 2.5 gallons per minute.
- ◆ Water gardens and lawns for only a couple of hours after sunset or in the early morning to avoid excessive evaporation.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Keep showers to 5 minutes or less in length.
- ◆ When washing your family vehicle, use a bucket of water and rinse it quickly with the hose.

2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

We completed or continued to work on many capital projects in 2015. We are currently designing the improvements to the Clapper Road WTP, which should ensure the system's long-term compliance with the current disinfection byproducts rule. These improvements should be constructed and put into service in 2019. We also began improvements to some of the filters at the New Salem WTP in 2015, as well as completed the design of improvements to the Vly Creek Reservoir dam.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing you and your family with clean, quality drinking water this year. We ask that all of our customers help us protect our water system and resources. Please call the Department of Public Works at (518) 439-4955 if you have any questions or concerns.

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Source Water Assessment Summary

The NYS DOH has completed Source Water Assessments for Bethlehem’s Vly Creek Reservoir, New Salem wells and the Infiltration Gallery & new well field. The assessments are summarized below. The assessments include susceptibility ratings based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how likely contaminants could enter the wells, the reservoir or Hudson River. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination. It does not mean that the water delivered to your home is or will become unsafe to drink. See section “Are there contaminants in our drinking water?” of this report, for information concerning low levels of contaminants in your water.

New Salem Wells: The wells draw water from a high yield aquifer. Contaminants, if present, can move relatively quickly in high yield aquifers. The assessment has determined that the wells are susceptible to the microbes; bacteria, viruses and protozoa. Microbes can originate from improperly maintained or failing septic systems. Disinfection of the well water insures that any microbes that might reach the wells will be eliminated. The assessment has also determined that the wells are susceptible to various chemical types, such as nitrates, pesticides and petroleum products. Nitrates and pesticides can come from agricultural practices. Petroleum products can originate from leaking storage tanks. Fortunately, stored fuels are some distance from the wells.

Vly Creek Reservoir: This assessment found the amount of agricultural lands in the Vly Creek Reservoir’s assessment area results in a potential for protozoa and pesticide contamination. However, there are presently no notable contamination threats.

The Hudson River and Dinmore Road well field (Clapper Road WTP raw water source): The assessment found the amount of pasture in the assessment area results in a potential for protozoa contamination. There is also a high density of sanitary wastewater discharges upstream, which result in susceptibility to other contaminant categories. Non-sanitary wastewater discharges may also contribute to contamination.

Both of the Bethlehem water treatment plants perform multi level treatment to insure you receive safe drinking water. Additionally, as this annual report shows your water is routinely monitored for a great number of potential contaminants.

A copy of the full Source Water Assessment, including a map of the assessment area, is available for review by contacting us at the number provided in this report.

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**Alcove and Basic Creek Reservoirs
Source Water Assessment Summary**

The NYS DOH has completed a Source Water Assessment for the City of Albany’s Alcove and Basic Creek Reservoirs. The assessments are summarized below. The assessments include susceptibility ratings based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how likely contaminants could enter the reservoirs. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination. It does not mean that the water delivered to your home is or will become unsafe to drink. See section “Are there contaminants in our drinking water?” of this report, for information concerning low levels of contaminants in your water.

This assessment found the amount of pasture in the Alcove Reservoir assessment area results in a potential for protozoa contamination. It should be noted that the Albany Department of Water routinely tests for disease causing protozoa. In the last several years none have been detected in the reservoir. There are no other notable contamination threats to the reservoir. It should be noted that hydrologic characteristics (e.g. basin shape and flushing rates) generally make reservoirs highly sensitive to existing and new sources of phosphorus and microbial contamination.

This assessment found the amount of pasture in the Basic Creek Reservoir assessment area results in a potential for protozoa contamination. While there are some facilities present that are permitted to discharge, they do not represent an important threat to source water quality based on the type of discharge. There is also notable contamination susceptibility associated with landfills north of the reservoir. It should be noted that hydrologic characteristics (e.g. basin shape and flushing rates) generally make reservoirs highly sensitive to existing and new sources of phosphorus and microbial contamination. Albany’s water treatment plant performs multi level treatment to insure you receive safe drinking water. Additionally, as this annual report shows your water is routinely monitored for a great number of potential contaminants.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM WATER DISTRICT No.1 New Salem PURIFICATION PLANT & WELLS TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS *						
Public Water Supply Identification Number NY010019						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Turbidity ¹ (Highest turbidity sample from 6/16/14)	N	0.26	NTU	N/A	TT=5 NTU	Soil runoff
		100%			TT= % samples <0.3	
Inorganic Contaminants (Sample data from 4/16/14 for WTP in boldface ; sample data from Well #1 from 4/16/14, Well #2 5/19/16 unless otherwise noted)						
Barium	N	28 30-31.7	ppb	2000	2000	Natural sources
Chloride WTP Range for wells	N	44.3 61-88.6	ppm	N/A	250	Geology; Naturally occurring
Copper (sample data 7/9/14-7/11/14) Range of copper concentration	N	0.32 ² ND-1.20	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits;
Lead (sample data 7/9/14-7/11/14) Range of lead concentration	N	2 ³ ND-6	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) WTP Well samples from 5/19/15	N	0.342 2.05-2.66	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Odor	N	1	units	N/A	3	Natural sources
pH (WTP) range for wells	N	7.03 7.0-7.5	units		6.5-8.5	
Sodium ⁴ (WTP) Range for wells	N	24 35.2-64	ppm	N/A	N/A	Geology; Road Salt
Sulfate		58.6 37-38.1	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally occurring
Zinc WTP	N	400	ppb	N/A	5000	Galvanized pipe; corrosion inhibitor
Disinfection Byproducts Stage 1						
Chlorine	N	1.69 1.17-2.17	ppm	MRDLG	MRDL	Used in the treatment and disinfection of drinking water
				N/A	4	
Disinfection Byproducts Stage 2 (4 samples collected quarterly 2/10/15, 5/5/15, 8/4/15 & 11/10/15)						
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) ⁵ Range of HAA5s all sites	N	34.6 ND-31	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) ⁶ Wemple Rd Range of TTHMs all sites	Y	88.9 19.5-110	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Organic Carbon ⁷ (monthly samples from 2015)						
Total Organic Carbon Monthly Compliance Ratio	N	1.02-1.70	N/A	Compliance ratio >=1	TT	Organic material both natural and man-made; Organic pollutants, decaying vegetation.
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring 3 (Quarterly samples collected 1/15/13, 4/2/13, 7/22/13 10/1/13 for WTP and Well samples collected 1/14/13 & 7/22/13)						
Chromium (Total) WTP & Wells range all 4 quarters	N	0.3-0.8	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium Hexavalent range (WTP 1/14/13, 4/2/13) Wells 1/14/13	N	0.08-0.44	ppb	N/A	N/A	Oxidation of naturally occurring chromium deposits or industrial discharges
Strontium range of values all qtrs. WTP & Wells	N	177-371	ppb	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Vanadium range of values all qtrs. WTP; Wells 1/14/13	N	0.5-0.8	ppb	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorate (Well 1/14/13)	N	27.5	ppb	N/A	1000	By-product of drinking water disinfection at treatment plants using Hypochlorite Solutions.
FOOTNOTES-						
1. 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 system. Level detected represents the highest level detected. State regulations require that entry point turbidity must always be below 1.0 NTU. The regulations also require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 0.3 NTU. We also monitor the distribution system 5 times a week with 0.30 NTU being the average turbidity.						
2. The level presented represents the 90 th percentile of 30 test sites. 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 90 th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 30 samples were collected at your water system and the 90 th percentile value was the 27 th sample with the fourth highest value (level detected 0.32 mg/l. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.						
3. The level presented represents the 90 th percentile of 30 test sites. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the 30 sites tested.						
4. Water containing more than 20 mg/l should not be consumed by persons on severely restricted sodium diets.						
5. The average shown represents the highest LRAA at this site for the 1 st quarter of 2015. The LRAA was not exceeded at any of the four sites during any of the 4 quarters.						
6. The average is based on an LRAA. The average shown represents the highest LRAA for the 4 th quarter of 2015. The LRAA was also exceeded at this site in the other 3 quarters of 2015.						
7. The Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) requires monitoring of raw and finished water Total Organic Carbon (TOC). Depending on the raw water alkalinity value, proper water treatment should remove between 15% to 35% of the raw water TOC thus reducing the amount of disinfection byproducts produced. The removal or compliance ratio should be 1 or greater.						

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM WATER DISTRICT No.1 Clapper Road WTP TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS*						
Public Water Supply Identification Number NY010019						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Turbidity ¹ (Highest turbidity sample from 5/16/14)	N	0.22 100%	NTU	N/A	TT=5 NTU TT= % samples < 0.3	Soil runoff
Inorganic Contaminants (Sample data from 5/19/15) unless otherwise noted)						
Barium	N	210	ppb	2000	2000	Geology; Naturally occurring
Chloride	N	57.3	ppm	N/A	250	Geology; Naturally occurring
Odor	N	1	units	N/A	3	Natural sources
pH	N	7.22	units		6.5-8.5	
Sodium ²	N	26	ppm	N/A	N/A	Geology; Road Salt
Sulfate	N	11.6	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally Occurring,
Disinfection Byproducts						
Chlorine (average) based on daily testing	N	1.09	ppm	MRDLG	MRDL	Used in the treatment and disinfection of drinking water
Range of chlorine residual		0.16-1.65		N/A	4	
Total Organic Carbon³ (monthly samples from 2015)						
Total Organic Carbon Monthly Compliance Ratio	N	0.30-3.48	N/A	Compliance ratio >=1	TT	Organic material both natural and man-made; Organic pollutants, decaying vegetation,
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation 3 (Quarterly samples collected 1/14/13, 4/2/13, 7/22/13 &10/1/13)						
Chromium (Total) (range of values 4/2/13 & 7/22/13)	N	0.3-0.4	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (Hexavalent) 10/1/13	N	0.05	ppb			Oxidation of naturally occurring chromium deposits or industrial discharges
Chlorate (range of values for all 4 quarters)	N	49.8-92.7	ppb	N/A	1000	By-product of drinking water disinfection at treatment plants using Hypochlorite Solutions.
Strontium (range of values for all 4 quarters)	N	218-327	ppb	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Bromomethane 10/1/13	N	0.2	ppb	N/A	5	Used to kill a variety of pests; used to make other chemicals
Chloromethane 7/22/13	N	0.3	ppb	N/A	5	Used in organic chemistry;
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* The tables presented for Bethlehem WD#1 depict only those analytes that were detected. Many of the test results were NOT DETECTABLE . The type/group (number of contaminants in each group) tested for were as follows: volatile organic compounds (53) +MTBE, synthetic organic compounds (38), asbestos, color & odor; radiological chemicals (2). The inorganic contaminants tested for and not detected were: arsenic, cadmium, chromium, mercury, silver, selenium, antimony, beryllium, thallium, iron, manganese and cyanide; microbiological contaminants -E. coli.						

Glossary of Terms Used in Data Tables

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

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.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

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

90th Percentile Value- The values reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile. 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 and copper values detected at your water system

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

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

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 (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 contamination.

Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) - The LRAA is calculated by taking the average of the four most recent samples collected at each individual site.

N/A-not applicable

CITY OF ALBANY TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS*						
Public Water Supply Identification Number NY0100189						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform (1 samples from 8/21/15, & 1 from 9/11/15)	N	2 positive samples total	N/A	0	5% or more positive samples of sites sampled per month	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity (highest level detected at various times)	N	0.07	NTU	N/A	TT=1 NTU	Soil runoff
		100%			TT= 95% samples < 0.3	
Inorganic Contaminants (Daily and weekly samples from November 2015 unless otherwise noted)						
Barium	N	4.0	ppb	2000	2000	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chloride (average) (range) based on daily samples	N	29.2 25.7-31.2	ppm	N/A	250	Geology; Naturally occurring
Color (average/maximum) (range) based on daily samples	N	1.1 1.0-3.0	units	N/A	15	Large quantities of organic chemicals, inadequate Natural color may be caused by decaying leaves, plants, and soil organic matter.
Manganese	N	1.5	ppb	N/A	300	Erosion of natural deposits
Odor [daily samples] (average/maximum) (range) based on daily samples	N	1.9 1-2	units	N/A	3	Organic or inorganic pollutants originating from municipal and industrial waste discharges: natural sources
Sodium ²	N	15.9	ppm	N/A	N/A	Geology; Road Salt
Sulfate (average) (range) based on monthly samples	N	10 9.1-11.3	ppm	N/A	250	Naturally Occurring,
Total Organic Carbon (Daily samples from 2015)						
Treated Water (average) (range Low, High)	N	1.6 1.3-2.3	ppm	NA	TT	Organic material both natural and manmade; Organic pollutants, decaying vegetation,
Disinfection Byproducts Stage 2 (quarterly samples)						
Total Trihalomethanes [TTHM] average Range of values	N	43 37-54	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids [HAA5] average Range of values	N	13 9.5-16	ppb	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chlorine (daily samples) average Range of chlorine residual	N	1.01 0.93-1.54	ppm	MRDLG N/A	MRDL 4	Used in the treatment and disinfection of drinking water
Radionuclides (bi-weekly sample data from 2015 unless otherwise noted)						
Alpha Particles (average) Bi-weekly samples (range)	N	0.8 ND-4.0	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta particles (average) Bi-weekly samples (range)	N	1.4 ND-3.4	pCi/L	0	50 ³	Decay of natural deposits and man-made emissions
Radium 226 & 228 (average) range of values Bi-yearly samples from 2010	N	0.68 ND-0.85	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Compounds						
Chloromethane	N	0.54	ppb	NA	5	Leaching from landfills and formation via microbial degradation of other chlorinated solvents
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation 3⁴ (samples from 3/25/14, 5/13/14, 8/19/14 & 11/19/14)						
Chromium (VI)	N	0.05-0.10	ppb	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	N	0.3-0.4	ppb	100	100	Erosion of natural deposits
Stontium	N	46-53.5	ppb	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Vanadium	N	0.9-1.0	ppb	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
FOOTNOTES-						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 system. Level detected represents the highest level detected. Our highest single turbidity measurement for the year was (0.07 NTU). State regulations require that entry point turbidity must always be below 1.0NTU. State regulations require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 0.30 NTU. 2. Water containing more than 20 mg/l should not be consumed by persons on severely restricted sodium diets; Water containing more than 270 mg/l should not be consumed by persons on moderately restricted sodium diets. 3. The state considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles 4. Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring 3 was conducted during 2013. This is a requirement of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act amendments. This monitoring provides a basis for future regulatory action to protect the public health. The number in parentheses refers to the number of analytes measured for a total of 21 analytes. The breakdown of analytes is as follows: volatile organic chemicals (7), synthetic organic compounds (1), metals (6), oxyhalide anion (1) and perfluorinated compounds (6). We have listed those compounds that were detected in the table of Detected Contaminants. For some parameters there are no associated MCL's for these compounds at this time. 						
<p>*The tables presented for City of Albany depict only those analytes that were detected. Many of the test results were NOT DETECTABLE. The type/group (number of contaminants in each group) tested for were as follows: volatile organic compounds (52) +MTBE, synthetic organic compounds (38), asbestos, The inorganic contaminants tested for and not detected were: arsenic, cadmium, chromium, mercury, silver, selenium, antimony, beryllium, thallium, zinc, iron, fluoride and cyanide; microbiological contaminant E. coli.</p>						