

PORT OF THE ISLANDS

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2015 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúscalo o hable con un amigo quien lo entienda bien.

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 water 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. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided in this report, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.

WHERE YOUR WATER COMES FROM

The water source for Port of the Islands is ground water which is withdrawn from three wells in the Tamiami Aquifer. The water is treated by reverse osmosis then disinfected to destroy microbes prior to delivery to customers.

HOW WE ENSURE YOUR DRINKING WATER IS SAFE

The Port of the Islands Community Improvement District (CID) routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2015. The state allows us to monitor 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. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

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:

(A) **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

(B) **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.

(C) **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

(D) **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

(E) **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, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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.

FOR CUSTOMERS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CONCERNS

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 (1-800-426-4791).

HOW TO REACH US

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Sean Hauser at 239-642-9219. The Port of the Islands office is open from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are normally held on the third Friday of each month at the Port of the Islands Resort.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PLAN

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) performed a Source Water Assessment on our system in 2015 and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp.

HOW TO READ THE TABLE

The terms used in the water quality summary table and in other parts of this report are defined below.

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

Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE) – an important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

Maximum contaminant level or 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 or 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.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or 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 or 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.

N/A – not applicable,

ND – means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

ppm – parts per million or milligrams per liter is one part by weight of analyte to one million parts by weight of the water sample.

ppb – parts per billion or micrograms per liter is one part by weight of analyte to one billion parts by weight of the water sample.

pCi/l – picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water

2015 WATER QUALITY SUMMARY TABLE – PWS ID NO. 5110230

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Highest Monthly Number	MCLG	MCL		Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (positive samples)	1/15 – 12/15	Y ^A	2	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in >1 sample collected during a month		Naturally present in the environment
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected ^B	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants							
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	7/09	N	0.4	N/A	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Sodium (ppm)	12/15	N	33.2	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Chlorine and chloramines (ppm)	1/15 – 12/15	N	2.2	0.9 – 4.0	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic acids (HAA5) (ppb)	9/15	N	35.9	33.0 – 35.9	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90th Percentile Result ^B	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)^C							
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	9/15	N	0.173	0	1.3	AL = 1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	9/15	N	10	2	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

TABLE NOTES:

- A. We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. Our water system was in violation of federal and state water quality standards for total coliforms during January 2015. The level of total coliforms is shown in the Water Quality Summary Table. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. Additional sampling was done during January and February 2015 to show that coliforms were no longer present in the water system.
- B. Results in the level detected column for radioactive and inorganic contaminants and haloacetic acids and total trihalomethanes are the highest detected level at any sampling point. The result in the level detected column for chloramines is the highest running annual average, computed quarterly, of the monthly averages of all samples collected. The number reported in the 90th percentile result column for lead and copper is the 90th percentile of all samples for the most recent round of sampling. The range of results is the range of individual sample results (lowest to highest) for all monitoring locations as well as Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products compliance results.
- C. 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 Port of the Islands 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.