

# Village of Blissfield Annual Water Quality Report for 2015

## **A MESSAGE TO OUR CONSUMERS**

The Village of Blissfield is pleased to present this report to you as part of your right to know about the quality of your drinking water. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to EPA and state standards. This report lists contaminants detected in the drinking water and an explanation of any violations in 2015.

## **ORIGIN AND TREATMENT**

Blissfield's drinking water origin is the River Raisin.

**CONTAMINATION SOURCES** In addition to natural occurring minerals in the River Raisin, erosion of the river bank, agricultural runoff and animal or human activity along the shore can cause contaminations to be present in the river. **These include:**

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

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salt and metals, which can be natural or from storm runoff, wastewater discharge, oil and gas production and farming.

**Pesticide and Herbicide contaminants**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture storm water runoff, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemicals**, including synthetics and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes, and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive substances**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production, or mining activities.

**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 system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Nitrate:** Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six month of age. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask for advice from your health care provider regarding nitrate residuals in drinking water. Pregnant woman, nursing mothers, and infants less than six months old are advised to seek an alternative source of drinking water if nitrate levels exceed 10 ppm.

**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 Village of Blissfield Water Treatment Plant 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>.

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## **SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT:**

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Water Division completed a source water assessment in 2003 determining the source water very highly sensitive to potential contaminants then issued the SWA report results in 2004. A copy of this report is available through the Blissfield Village Office.

**Cryptosporidium** is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes *Cryptosporidium*, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms 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. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life-threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. *Cryptosporidium* must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

## **Blissfield Village Council**

Meets at 7:00 pm on the second and fourth Mondays each month.  
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## **The Village of Blissfield**

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## **WHO NEEDS TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?**

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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-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 at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health providers. EPA/ CDC guidelines on appropriate means to diminish the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are also available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in drinking water, provided by public water systems. The Blissfield Water Treatment Plant staff tests water samples from the river and throughout the treatment process frequently each day. These tests ensure that proper chemical levels are maintained and any contaminants that cannot be removed by treatment are at safe levels. If you would like more information about your water, please call the Blissfield Water Treatment Plant at 486-3350.

**This report will not be mailed.**

**Copies of this report are available at the  
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130 South Lane, Blissfield, MI. 49228  
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and at  
[www.blissfieldmichigan.gov](http://www.blissfieldmichigan.gov)**

# Water quality data table 2015

## **TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS:**

### **Maximum Contaminate Level Goal (MCLG):**

The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk.

**Maximum Contaminate Level (MCL):** The highest level of contaminant allowed in drinking water, MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as possible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** Means the level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk.

**TT** – treatment technique (a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminant in drinking water)

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRGD):** Is the highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. Disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

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

**ppb** – parts per billion or microgram per liter

**ppm** – parts per million or milligram per liter

**NTU** – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**pCi/l** – Picocuries per liter

**ND** – not detected    **N/A** – not applicable

**RAA** – Running Annual Average

Contaminate	MCL	MCLG	Blissfield Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminate
<b>Microbial Contaminates</b>							
* Turbidity	TT	N/A	Single Highest Measurement 0.24 NTU	0.07 - 0.24 NTU	2015	No	Soil Runoff
Lowest month % of samples meeting turbidity limit 100% - Annual average 0.10 NTU							
Total Coliform	>5% Positive	0	ND	ND	2015	No	Naturally present
<b>Inorganic Contaminates</b>							
Nitrate	10 ppm	10 ppm	Single Highest Measurement 6.72 ppm	0.31 – 6.72 ppm	2015	No	Fertilizer runoff; septic tank leaching
Fluoride	4 ppm	4 ppm	Single Highest Measurement 0.74 ppm	0.20 - 0.74 ppm	2015	No	Water additive-promotes strong teeth
** Sodium	N/A	N/A	Single Highest Measurement 76 ppm	52 - 76 ppm	2015	No	Naturally present in groundwater
Barium	2 ppm	2 ppm	Single Highest Measurement 0.04 ppm	0.04 ppm	Sept. 2009	No	Discharge from refineries or drilling & natural erosion
Arsenic	10 ppb	0 ppb	Single Highest Measurement ND ppb	ND ppb	Sept. 2009	No	Runoff from orchards, glass & electronics wastes. Natural erosion
Selenium	50 ppb	50 ppb	Single Highest Measurement ND ppb	ND ppb	Sept. 2009	No	Discharge from petroleum & metal refineries Natural erosion
<b>Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System</b>							
Total Trihalomethanes	80 ppb RAA	N/A	Highest Annual Average 67.0 ppb	48 – 79 ppb	2015	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	60 ppb RAA	N/A	Highest Annual Average 19.0 ppb	7.3 – 27.0 ppb	2015	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine Disinfectant	4 ppm	4 ppm	Annual Average 1.14 ppm	0.81 -1.68 ppm	2015	No	Disinfectant
<b>Organic Contaminates</b>							
Atrazine	3 ppb RAA	3 ppb	Highest Annual Average 0.05 ppb	ND – 0.2 ppb	2015	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
<b>Lead and Copper Monitoring at Consumer's Tap</b>							
*** Lead	AL=15 ppb	0 ppb	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile 3 ppb	0 out 20 sites over AL	Sept. 2015	No	Corrosion of household plumbing
*** Copper	AL=1,300 ppb	1,300 ppb	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile 500 ppb	0 out 20 sites over AL	Sept. 2015	No	Corrosion of household plumbing
<b>Regulated Contaminant</b>							
	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range		Violation	
Total Organic Carbon	TT	n/a	73% Removed (25% is required)	30-73% removal	2015 monthly	No	Naturally present
The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. TOC has no health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts.							

\* Turbidity must be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in at least 95% of the measurements taken throughout the month. Turbidity must never exceed 1.0 NTU.

\*\* Sodium is an unregulated contaminate and there is no MCL associated with it. Unregulated contaminate monitoring helps EPA to determine whether there is a need to regulate that contaminate.

\*\*\* Lead and Copper results list the number of samples that exceeded the Action Level, not range detected.

If you have questions about you're drinking water, please call the Blissfield Water Treatment Plant at 486-335

