

Annual Water Quality Report Village of Wind Point Water Utility

May 25, 2010

The Village of Wind Point Water Utility is pleased to present to you this year's Water Quality Report that shows the results for the period of *January 1 through December 31, 2009*. This report contains pertinent information regarding the test results and sources of other information. Our goal is, and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets Federal and State requirements.

We purchase our water from the Village of Caledonia Utility District. This water comes from Lake Michigan and is treated by the Racine Water Utility (RWU) before being sold to Caledonia. The RWU both treats and routinely monitors for contaminants in the drinking water. The RWU Annual Water Quality Report serves as the base for Wind Point's Report. The Wind Point Water Utility adds information on local samples taken to look for lead and copper contamination. Our water also meets lead and copper safety levels.

Lake Michigan water is valued for both its quality and quantity, but as surface water it is susceptible to contamination because water that flows through rivers and over land to Lake Michigan picks up both natural substances and man-made contaminants. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained on the Internet and www.epa.gov or by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those who are undergoing chemotherapy to treat cancer, who have undergone organ transplants, and who have HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders as well as some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

In 1986, the US Environmental Protection Agency promulgated the Lead and Copper Rule mandating large water utilities to begin corrosion control treatment in order to reduce lead and copper concentrations at the consumer's tap. RWU began this treatment in early 1993 using a blended phosphate. This chemical lays down a thin film on the inside of pipes and plumbing fixtures to limit the interaction of the pipe material with the water. Our water remains in compliance with the lead action level and RWU has been successful at reducing the first draw lead concentration.

Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in Wind Point as a result of your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. As an added precaution, flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have any questions concerning your water utility or this report, please contact the Wind Point Clerk's Office at 639-3524.

Our Customer's Safety

The Wind Point Water Utility is concerned about our customers' safety and security and supports your efforts to make sure "pretenders" don't get into your home.

We attempt to make an appointment before our utility workers need to go into your home or business. We send a letter and ask you to call us to set up an appointment to replace or work on meters or to check for cross connections. Emergency services normally begin with the property owner rather than the Village.

Randy and Scott Miller are well-known in the Village because they also work outside to chip brush, plow snow, repair shoulders, mow public grass, etc. However, you can always verify their identity in several ways:

- Look for the white Village of Wind Point Water Utility van
- Ask for the Village picture identification badge signed by the Administrator
- Ask them to wait outside your door and call the Village office at 639-3524 to confirm their identity.