

Annual Water Quality Report

for the period of

January 1 to December 31, 2016

EAST ALTON

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This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the EAST ALTON water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by EAST ALTON is Ground Water. For more information regarding this report contact: Doug Booten at 618-259-4646

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Source of Drinking Water

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The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater 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 storm water 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 storm water runoff, and residential uses.

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 storm water runoff, and septic systems.

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

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 at (800) 426-4791.

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. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

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. We 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 faucet 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>.

SOURCE of Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call the water operator at **618-259-4646**. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>

To determine East Alton's susceptibility to contamination, the Illinois Rural Water Association conducted a well site survey in April, 2002. Based upon the review of this information, there are 20 potential sources of groundwater contamination that could pose a hazard to groundwater utilized by East Alton's community water supply wells. These potential sources include 1 foundry, 2 warehouses, 1 solid waste management unit site, 1 auto repair, 1 abandoned auto repair, 1 above or below ground fuel storage site, 1 municipal disposal facility, 1 above ground liquid petroleum storage site, 2 waste lagoons, 1 waste water treatment plant, 1 unknown landfill, 1 demolition debris pile, 1 salvage yard, 1 parking lot, 1 equipment/vehicle wash, 1 below ground fuel storage site, 1 solid waste management unit site, and 2 former below ground fuel storage sites. The facility has indicated that source #02918 is now an empty lot, and #21106 is closed. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that the East Alton Community Water Supply's source water is susceptible to contamination. As such, the 5-year and 50-year recharge area calculations have been provided for these wells. The land use within the recharge area of the wells was analyzed as part of this susceptibility determination. This land use includes commercial and residential properties and the levee along Wood River. Investigation into the source of the groundwater contamination in the wellfield led to two former known leaking underground storage tank sites with elevated levels of MTBE in geoprobe samples. A remediation plan was developed to protect the wellfield from further contamination. This plan utilized well #9, the well closest to the sites, and the old water treatment plant. The water is treated and then discharged to a lagoon and into Wood River Creek as required under National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit #IL0051357. This remediation appears to be successful as sampling has shown concentrations in well #9 to be gradually reducing and concentrations in the other wells to be reduced to just above detection.

Note: The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

