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2023 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Aka: Consumer Confidence Report

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This annual report presents our customers with important information concerning the quality of water delivered to you in 2023. This report is posted on Stevens Public Utility District’s website. If you know of anyone who would like a copy of this report and does not have access to the Internet, they can contact the District at 509-233-2534. We will be happy to mail them a copy.

Twelve of our public water systems are in Stevens County and six are in northern Spokane County. We provide you with safe, quality, drinking water. We are a special-purpose district, governed by three (3) elected commissioners. The 15 employees include four (4) office staff, nine (9) field employees, an operations manager, and the general manager.

Stevens PUD Water Systems in Stevens County	Stevens PUD Water Systems in Spokane County	BUSINESS HOURS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addy • Clayton • Deer Lake • Dolomite • Echo Estates • Jump Off Joe • Loon Lake • Mission Ridge • Suncrest • Tiger Tracts • Valley • Waitts Lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denison • Halfmoon Ranchos • River Park Estates • Riverside (Includes Chattaroy Springs West/North) • Spokane Lake Park • Westshore 	<p>Call during business hours Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for any reason.</p> <p>We provide Emergency Service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p> <p>Call 509-233-2534 after hours for EMERGENCY SERVICES ONLY.</p>

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some substances. The presence of substances does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about substances and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to substances 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 healthcare providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial substances are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1800-426-4791).

The Department of Health has a program called the "Source Water Assessment Program" (SWAP). If you would like more information about the Source Wells and Wellhead Protection, please visit the following link: <https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/drinking-water/source-water/source-water-protection>.

SHOULD YOU NEED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC SUBSTANCES THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS ANNUAL REPORT, PLEASE CALL THE SAFE DRINKING WATER HOTLINE AT 1-877-481-4901 or visit their website at: <https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/drinking-water>

Stevens PUD routinely monitors more than 180 substances in your water, including bacteria, nitrates, lead, copper, synthetic organic chemicals (SOCs), volatile organic chemicals (VOCs), and many others. Some of the tests are only required every three (3) years or more, some annually, and others are required monthly.

The Water Quality information for your Water System is found in the link on our website. The Department of Health sets stringent maximum substance levels (MCLs) on many of the substances in your drinking water. Water purveyors (i.e., water utilities) are required to test for these substances.

This report lists those substances that were detected during the 2022 calendar year. These results show that your water is in compliance with all Federal and State testing requirements. All drinking water, including bottled water, usually contains at least small amounts of some substances. It's important to remember that the mere presence of these substances DOES NOT necessarily create a health risk.

Some people drink only bottled water which can be very expensive. Stevens PUD strives to provide your home with safe, quality drinking water from the tap, which is, by far, the best value for your dollar!

The EPA has determined that your water is safe to drink. As you can see on the tables that are located on this website, your system is in compliance with water standards.

Some people may be more vulnerable to substances in drinking water than the general population. These include persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with immune system disorders such as HIV/AIDS, and persons with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy.

Some elderly persons and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their healthcare providers about drinking water. Guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by microbiological substances, such as cryptosporidium, are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Stevens PUD Commissioners have Regular Board Meetings twice a month at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. These meetings are open to the public and held in the Conference Room of the Stevens PUD office building located at 3962-B Hwy 292, Loon Lake.

If you plan to attend a meeting, it is requested that you call our office at 509-233-2534 to be included on the Agenda. The Agenda is posted on our website at <https://stevenspud.org/>.

Even though test results for Lead content in your water are well below the MCL on all of the P.U.D. water systems, the following language is required in this Annual Water Report:

In Washington State, lead in drinking water comes primarily from materials and components used in household plumbing. The longer water has been sitting in pipes, the more dissolved metals, such as lead, it may contain. Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. To help reduce potential exposure to lead: for any drinking water tap that has not been used for six (6) hours or more, flush water through the tap until the water is noticeably colder before using for drinking or cooking. You can use the flushed water for watering plants, washing dishes, and/or general cleaning.

Only use water from the cold-water tap for drinking, cooking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water is available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or online at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. To ensure that your water is safe to drink, the Department of Health and EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain substances in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Washington Department of Agriculture regulations establish limits for substances in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Water resources are a vital part of our communities and of our future. Stevens PUD kindly asks each of you to help protect and conserve these precious resources. Please refer to more Water Conservation Tips to help conserve water at www.epa.gov/watersense.

THANK YOU from the staff of Stevens PUD for your cooperation and support!