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Works Director, at 759-5635. If you

want to learn more about our water,

you can attend any of our regularly

scheduled meetings. They are held

on the second Wednesday of each

month at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall

located below the elevated storage

tank in the center of town.

The water is treated with chlorine

prior to entering the distribution sys-

tem. Chester routinely monitors for

constituents in your drinking water

according to Federal and State laws.

The following table shows the results

of any detects in our monitoring for the

period of January 1st to December

31st, 2023. For constituents that

are not monitored yearly, we have

reviewed our records back the last

five years.

We are required to monitor your drink-

ing water for specific contaminants

on a regular basis. Results of regular

monitoring are an indicator of that

the drinking water has or has not

met health standards. We conducted

monitoring for asbestos in October

of 2020 and based on our analytical

result, we have been granted a waiver

by DEQ. This waiver is in effect from

2020 through 2028.

Also, we will not conduct monitor-

ing for antimony, barium, beryllium,

cadmium, chromium, fluoride, mer-

cury, nickel, selenium and thallium

because we have been granted a

reduced monitoring waiver by DEQ.

This waiver is based on the analytical

results for these chemicals in Febru-

ary 2021. This waiver is in effect from

2020 through 2028.

We have monitored for lead and cop-

per and all of our samples have been

in compliance with the Lead and Cop-

per Rule. If present, elevated levels of

lead can cause serious health prob-

lems, 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 Chester

Water Dept. is responsible for provid-

ing 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.

90th % value Action level Source of

Copper 2022 N 0.214 ppm 1.3 ppm

Corrosion of plumbing

Lead 2022 N 2 ppb 15 ppb Corro-

sion of plumbing

In the tables above and below you will

find many terms and abbreviations you

might not be familiar with. To help you

better understand these terms we've

provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams

per liter (mg/l) - one part per million

corresponds to one minute in two

years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms

per liter (ug/L)-one part per billion cor-

responds to one minute in 2000 years,

or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level - the concentration of a

Parameter Sample Date Violation

Contamination

2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Town of Chester PWSID#MT0000173 Box 644 Chester, MT 59522

We're very pleased to provide you with the Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our source of water is classified as surface water from the Tiber Reservoir. The water is numbed 18. miles into 2 storage ponds that hold 15 million gallons each. We have completed a source water protection plan that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination to our drinking water supply. This plan can be found online at https://deg.mt.gov/water/Programs/

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 (800-426-4791).

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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 include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that 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.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Terry Tyler, Public

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contaminant which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - (mandatory language) a treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is 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 - (mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is 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.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)-Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

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 (800-426-4791). **TEST RESULTS**

Contaminant Violation

Sample Date Highest Level Detected Range Unit Measurement MCLG MCL Likely Source of Contamination

Disinfection By-products Contaminants Chlorine

N 2023 1.40.3ppm 4 4 Water additive used to control microbes **Total Trihalomethanes** (TTHMs)*

N 2023 44 27-44 ppb 0 80 Byproduct of drinking water chlorination Haloacetic acids (HAAs)*

N 2023 26 26-26 ppb 0 60 Fluoride N 2021 0.2 0.2 0.2 ppm 4 4 Erosion of natural deposits Uranium N 2023 1.2 1.2 ppm 0 30 erosion of natural deposits Parameter Units Violation YES/NO

Highest single measurement Value & date

Lowest monthly % of samples meeting the limits MCL Source of contamination

Turbidity NTU No 0.19 3/30/2023 100% FOR ALL MONTHS TT Soil

Our system had no violations. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of

life and our children's future. This annual Drinking Water Report will NOT BE MAILED out to individual water customers. A copy of this report can be picked up at the City Hall. Publish in The Havre Daily News March 21, 2024 MNAXLP

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