

## **Village of Clarendon Hills 2009 Water Quality Statement**

The Village of Clarendon Hills wants all of its consumers to be aware of what is being done to insure that the drinking water is safe for you and your family. **The Village of Clarendon Hills currently meets or exceeds all water quality standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. No violations were recorded for the Village of Clarendon Hills during the 2009 Consumer Confidence Reporting period.** This report summarizes the quality of water that we provided beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. Additionally this report will not be mailed but copies will be available upon request at the Village Hall or Public Works. This report is mandated by the EPA and will be released annually by July 1. Included in these details are: where your water comes from, what may be in your water, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing the safest drinking water possible.

### **Contact People**

If you have any questions about this report or any questions concerning your water system please contact Joe Ferrel at (630) 286-4750. Joe Ferrel is available to answer any questions about this report or questions about the way we operate the water system.

### **Source Water Information**

Lake Michigan is the sole source of water used to provide drinking water for Chicago and approximately 123 other suburban communities. **The Village of Clarendon Hills purchases 100% Lake Michigan water from the DuPage Water Commission and delivers only 100% Lake Michigan water to its customers.** The DuPage Water Commission purchases its water from the City of Chicago's Jardine Water Purification Plant, which is a surface water treatment plant. This plant is presently capable of producing roughly 1.4 billion gallons of potable water a day. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that the quality of Lake Michigan has improved dramatically over the past 20 years. Lake Michigan, by volume, is the second largest Great Lake and the only one located totally within the United States. It serves as a source of drinking water, as a place for swimming and fishing and as a scenic wonderland. All 63 miles of shoreline within Illinois are now considered to be in good condition.

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 can dissolve naturally occurring minerals including radioactive materials and pick up substances resulting from the presence of animal or human activity. Possible contaminants consist of:

- **Microbial Contaminants** – Such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from improperly treated sewage, septic systems, and agricultural livestock operations.
- **Inorganic Compounds** – Such as salts and metals, which may be naturally occurring or a result from urban stormwater 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 agricultural, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- **Organic Chemical Contaminants** – Including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive Contaminants** – Which may be naturally occurring or be the result of gas and oil production and mining activities.

Since the quality of the raw water source is good, conventional treatment methods of disinfection, coagulation and sedimentation, and sand filtration are adequate for producing water that is free of harmful contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. The regulations in place restrict the industrial and sewage treatment plant effluents from entering Lake Michigan, thereby reducing the risk of having these contaminants in the water.

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marina's and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake. Throughout history there have been extraordinary steps taken to assure a safe source of drinking water in the Chicago land area. From the building of the offshore cribs and the introduction of interceptor sewers to the lock-and-dam system of Chicago's waterways and the city's Lakefront Zoning Ordinance. The city now looks to the recently created department of the water management, Department of Environment and the MWRDGC to assure the safety of the city's water supply. Also, water supply officials from Chicago are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination of water quality situations (i.e., spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc) and general lake conditions are frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. Also, Lake Michigan has a variety of organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality.

Finally, one of the best ways to ensure a safe source of drinking water is to develop a program designed to protect the source water against potential contamination on the local level. Since the predominant land use within Illinois' boundary of Lake Michigan watershed is urban, a majority of the watershed protection activities in this document are aimed at this purpose. Citizens should be aware that everyday activities in an urban setting might have a negative impact on their source water. Efforts should be made to improve awareness of storm water drains and their direct link to the lake within the identified local source water area. A proven best management practice (BMP) for this purpose has been the identification and stenciling of storm water drains within a watershed. Stenciling along with an educational component is necessary to keep the lake a safe and reliable source of drinking water.

Further information on our community water supply's source water assessment is available on the USGS web site at <http://usgs.gov> or by calling the Groundwater Section of the Illinois EPA at (217) 785-4787.

Drinking water, including bottled waters, may reasonably be expected to contain at least trace 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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

But, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants 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. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

**Regulated Contaminants**

**2009 Clarendon Hills Water Quality Data**

**-Definition of Terms-**

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** 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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** 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.

**Level Found:** This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

**Range of Detections:** This column represents a range of individual sample results; from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

**Date of Sample:** If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.

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

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Nd:** Not detectable at testing limits. **N/a:** Not applicable

**Village of Clarendon Hills  
Detected Contaminants**

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample
<b><u>Microbial Contaminants</u></b>						
TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA (% pos/mo) Naturally present in the environment.	0	0	0	n/a exceeding AL		monthly
<b><u>Inorganic Contaminants</u></b>						
LEAD (ppb)	0	AL=15	8.72 ppb	0 exceeding AL		9/18/08
Copper (ppm) Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.	0	AL=1300	466 ppb	0 exceeding AL		9/18/08
<b><u>Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products</u></b>						
TTHMs [TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES] (ppb) By-product of drinking water chlorination.	n/a	80	35.2	n/a		6/26/09
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5) By-product of drinking water chlorination.	n/a	60	10.6	n/a		6/26/09

**In 2009 the Village of Clarendon Hills reported no drinking water quality violations.**

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<b><u>Microbial Contaminants</u></b>						
TURBIDITY (%<0.3 NTU) Soil runoff. Lowest monthly % meeting limit.	n/a	TT/95%	98.9%	98.9-100%		
TURBIDITY (NTU) Soil runoff. Highest single measurement.	n/a	TT=1NTU	0.68	n/a		

**Inorganic Contaminants**

BARIUM (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.	2	2	0.0208	0.0201 -	0.0208
NITRATE (AS NITROGEN) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.384	0.381-0.384	
NITRATE & NITRITE (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.384	0.381-0.384	

**Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products**

TTHMs (TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES)(ppb) By-product of drinking water disinfection	n/a	80	19.9	11.10-22.7	
HAA5 (HALOACETIC ACIDS)(ppb) By-product of drinking water disinfection	n/a	60	8.940	4.80-12.200	
CHLORINE (as CL2)(ppm) Drinking water disinfectant	4.0	4.0	1.15	0.07-1.15	
TOC (TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON) The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA					

**\*Unregulated Contaminants**

SULFATE (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits.	n/a	n/a	29.20	26.00 - 29.20	
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**State Regulated Contaminants**

FLUORIDE (ppm) Water additive, which promotes strong teeth.	4	4	1.28	1.24 - 1.28	
SODIUM (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener.	n/a	n/a	7.82	7.43 - 7.82	

**Radioactive Contaminants**

Beta/Photon Emitters (pCi/l) 11/05/01 Decay of natural and manmade deposits	0	5	1.38	1.3-1.3800	
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**Additional Contaminants**

BORON (ppb) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used in detergents and as a water softener; Used in production of glass, cosmetics, pesticides, fire retardants, and for leather tanning.			28.0	28.0-28.0	
MOLYBDENUM (ppb)		31.0	0-31.0		

Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used in special steels

**In 2009 the City of Chicago reported zero drinking water monitoring violation.**

**Unit of Measurement**

Number of positive samples per month

ppm - Parts per million, or milligrams per liter

ppb - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter

# pos/mo -

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water

%<0.5 NTU - Percent samples less than 0.5 NTU

***Water Quality Data Table Footnotes***

**\*UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS:**

A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

**About the Data**

**Turbidity**

Turbidity is a measure of cloudiness of water. Chicago monitors this because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of their filtration and disinfectants.

**Lead**

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's in your community as a result of materials in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have it tested. If you do have high levels of lead be sure to run your water 30 seconds to 2 minutes any time the water remains motionless for long periods in household plumbing systems.

**Copper**

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water-containing copper in excess of the "Action Level" over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress, or could suffer kidney and liver damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their physician for recommended action. Flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes will reduce copper levels caused by water remaining motionless for long periods in household plumbing systems.

**Fluoride**

The City of Chicago adds fluoride to the source water. It is added as a health benefit to reduce dental decay and the City of Chicago monitors compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

**Barium**

Some people who drink water-containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

**Sodium**

There is no state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. . If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.