Annual Water Quality Report
For January 1 to December 31, 2014

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by Thurston Co Rural Water to provide safe drinking water.

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If you would like to observe, or participate, in the processes that affect drinking water quality, please contact us. The District Board of Directors meets at 7:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of every month at 8091 S. 154th Street, Omaha, NE. For a copy of the agenda, call the District at (402) 444-6222 or visit the District’s web site at: www.papionrd.org.

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).

Source Water Assessment Availability:
The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, vulnerability rating, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the NDEQ at (402) 471-6988 or go to www.deq.state.ne.us.

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.

Sources of Drinking Water:
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.

The source of water used by Thurston Co Rural Water is purchased ground water. Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). To find out more about our drinking water sources and additional chemical sampling results, please contact our office at the number provided above.

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

### Drinking Water Health Notes:

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).

Infants, young children, and pregnant women are typically more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in 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. Flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using your tap water will clear the line of any lead that may have leached into the water while the line was idle. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the DHHS/Division of Public Health/Office of Drinking Water (402-471-2541).

The Thurston Co Rural Water is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbaryl, Chlor dane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate, Bis(chloromethyl)ether, Dibromochloropropane, Dioxin, Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothall, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vidate), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, p-Dichlorobenzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, cis-1,2-Dichloroeth ylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropene, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,2,3-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene, Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes (total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloriform, Bromodichloromethane, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropene, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, 1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropene, Chloromethane, Bromoform, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, Trichloroethylene, 2,2-Dichloropropene, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropene, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbarby, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycofburuan, Methyol, Met ohlachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor.

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### How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of substances not detected are not included in the table. 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 older than one year.

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

**MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for the margin of safety.

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

**MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. MRDLs are set to ensure that water is adequately disinfected to protect public health.

**MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal)** – The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs allow for the margin of safety.

**QRAA (Quarterly Running Annual Average)** – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.

**90th Percentile** – Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90th percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**N/A** – Not applicable.

### Units in the Table:

- ppm (parts per million) = mg/L (milligrams per liter) – One ppm or one mg/L corresponds to 1 gallon of water in 1,000,000 gallons of water.
- ppb (parts per billion) – One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of water in 1,000,000,000 gallons of water.
- pCi/L (Picocuries per liter) – Radioactivity concentration unit.
- ug/L (micrograms per liter) – Measurement of radioactivity.
## Microbiological

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Lead and Copper</th>
<th>Monitoring Period</th>
<th>90th Percentile</th>
<th>Range</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>AL</th>
<th>Sites Over AL</th>
<th>Likely Source Of Contamination</th>
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<tr>
<td>COPPER, FREE</td>
<td>2011 - 2013</td>
<td>0.37</td>
<td>0.0472 - 0.443</td>
<td>ppm</td>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.</td>
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<td>LEAD</td>
<td>2011 - 2013</td>
<td>3.44</td>
<td>1.51 - 4.73</td>
<td>ppb</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing.</td>
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## Disinfection Byproducts

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<th>Monitoring Period</th>
<th>Highest RAA</th>
<th>Range</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>MCL</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)</td>
<td>7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014</td>
<td>1.55</td>
<td>ppb</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>By-product of drinking water disinfection.</td>
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<td>TTHM</td>
<td>7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014</td>
<td>6.79</td>
<td>ppb</td>
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<td>By-product of drinking water disinfection.</td>
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During the 2014 calendar year, we had the below noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations. There are no additional required health effects notices.

### Regulated Contaminants

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Collection Date</th>
<th>Analyte</th>
<th>MCL</th>
<th>MCLG</th>
<th>Likely Source Of Contamination</th>
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<tr>
<td>02/27/2012</td>
<td>Village Of Pender</td>
<td>BARIUM</td>
<td>0.1</td>
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<td>02/27/2012</td>
<td>Village Of Pender</td>
<td>CHROMIUM</td>
<td>16.5</td>
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<td>02/27/2012</td>
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<td>FLUORIDE</td>
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<td>01/15/2014</td>
<td>Village Of Pender</td>
<td>NITRATE-NITRITE</td>
<td>9.09</td>
<td>3.23 - 9.09</td>
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<td>02/27/2012</td>
<td>Village Of Pender</td>
<td>SELENIUM</td>
<td>9.68</td>
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<td>11/12/2014</td>
<td>Village Of Pender</td>
<td>URANIUM MASS</td>
<td>3.4</td>
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### Unregulated Water Quality Data

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<td>01/07/2013</td>
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<td>NICKEL</td>
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During the 2014 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had no noted violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

The Annual Water Quality Report for the Thurston County Rural Water System will not be mailed out. A copy of this report can be obtained at the PMRNRD Office at 106 S Costello St, Walthill, NE 68067 or at http://www.papionrd.org/rural-water-supply/thurston-county-rural-water/