

**OTWELL WATER CORPORATION 2024**  
**ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT**  
**OTWELL WATER CORPORATION/PATOKA**  
**PWSID #526-3001**

We are very pleased to provide you with this year's 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 water source is ground water. We purchase water from Petersburg Municipal Utilities, their wells draw from the "Surficial Sand & Gravel Aquifer," which is located on River Road. Petersburg has a Well head Protection Plan which was approved on April 6, 2021.

The President of the water corporation, Gary J. Pride, is proud 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 utility, please contact Keith Breidenbaugh, Water Superintendent at 812-354-2256. We want our customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the water office in Otwell, 2055 N St Rd. 257.

The annual meeting will be held the second Tuesday in January, January 13, 2026.

Otwell Water Corporation routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31 2024. Not all testing is required every year, and if we were not required to monitor for something in 2024, then our results are for the most recent round of testing.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions and terms in the chart. Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. The organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We are 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.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials.

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface over land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or 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, wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm 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 residential uses, storm water runoff, and agriculture.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum 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.



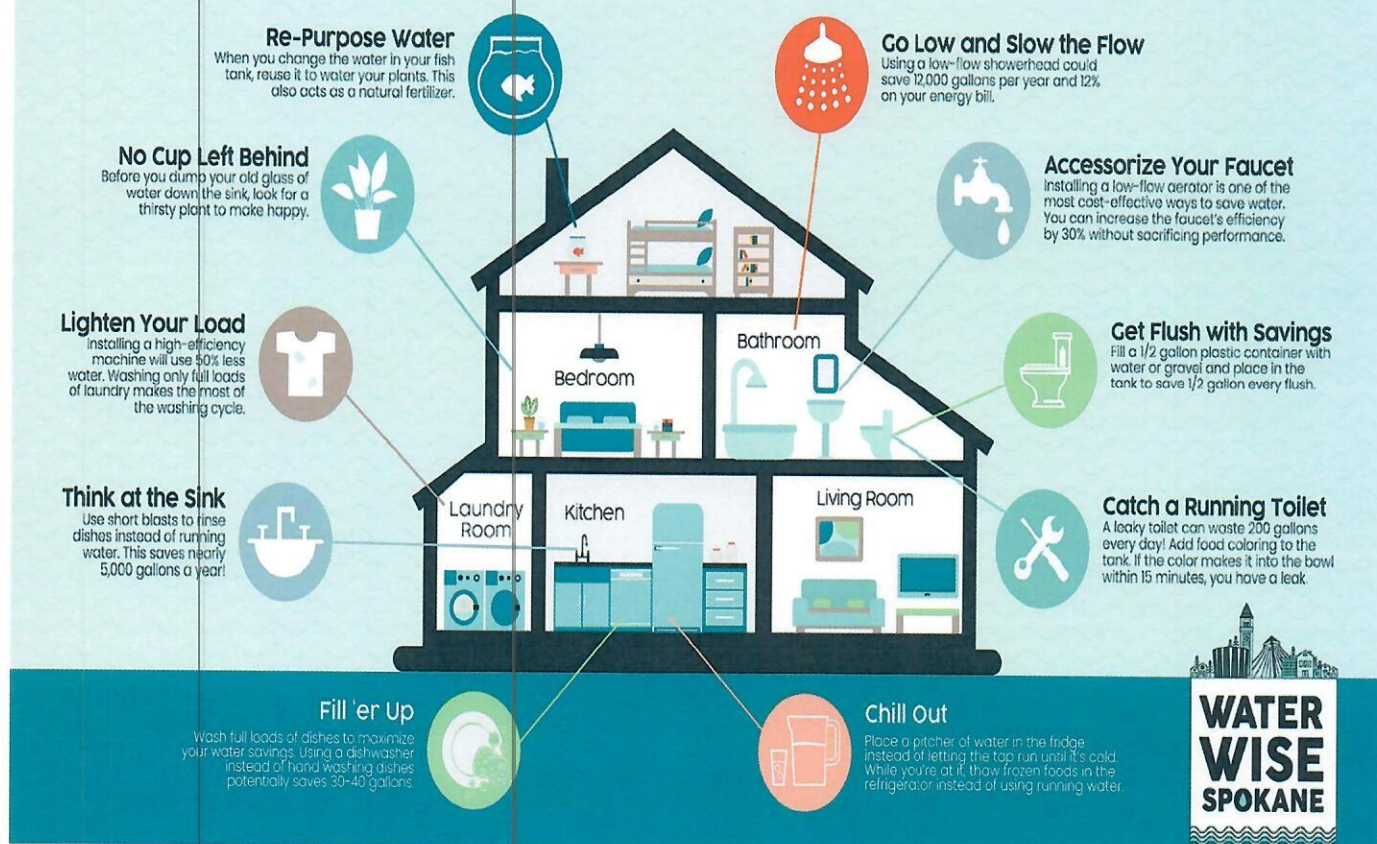
To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public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

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-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 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).

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. Our system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety

# GET WATER WISE AT HOME

The world's supply of clean, usable water is decreasing faster than it can be replaced. With climate change concerns and pervasive droughts, nearly everyone is looking for ways to conserve resources and cut costs. With just a few small changes, we can build a sustainable future together and protect our most precious resource. Let's get Water Wise, Spokane!





## **2024 WATER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **Helpful Comparisons for Use in Consumer**

### **Confidence Reports**

Often the measures used for detected contaminants are confusing to consumers. Terms such as one part per million and one part per billion are hard to visualize and grasp. Consider using comparisons to explain the contaminant amounts found in water.

#### **Think of one part per million as:**

- 1 inch in 16 miles
- 1 minute in 2 years
- 1 cent in \$10,000

Using these comparisons may help your customers understand the significance of a detected level in your drinking water.

#### **Think of one part per billion as:**

- 1 inch in 16,000 miles
- 1 second in 32 years
- 1 cent in \$10 million

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### **Terms and Definitions to Table**

**ppb** – parts per billion, or microgram per liter (ug/l)

**ppm** – parts per million, or milligram per liter (mg/l)

**pCi/L** – Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**EPA** – Environmental Protection Agency

**IDEM** – Indiana Department of Environmental Management

**NRDWR** – National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

**AL** – Action Level is the concentration of a contaminant

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

**MCL** – Maximum Contaminant Level – “The Maximum Allowed” is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL’s are set as close to MCLG’s as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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

**TT** – Treatment Technique – A treatment is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Variances and Exemptions** – State or EPA permission not to meet a MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

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## OTWELL WATER CORPORATION TESTING TABLE

Constituents	Date Tested	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Detected Level	Range	N	Major Sources
<b>INORGANIC CONSTITUENTS</b>								
Copper	2024	ppm	AL=1.3	1.3	0.164	90th %	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Fluoride	2023	ppm	4	4	0.136		N	Water additive for strong teeth
Alpha	2017	pci/2	15	0	0.92		N	Erosion of natural deposits
**Nitrate (as N)	2024	ppm	10	10	<0.5	0.201-0.21	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching of septic tank, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
Lead	2024	ppm	0 AL	1.5	0.31	90th%	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Sodium	2023	ppm			5.71		N	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	2023	ppm	2	2	0.028		N	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS &amp; PRECURSORS</b>								
HAA5 (Total Halo acetic Acids)	2024	ppb	60		53.1	9.58-43.2	Y	Disinfection process by product
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes)	2024	ppb	80		76.7	11.2-69.2	Y	Disinfection process by product
<b>RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS</b>								
CHLORINE RESIDUE	2023	mg/l	4	(MRDL)	0.86	.047-1.21	N	Disinfectant used to control microbiological organisms
**Uranium	3/20/2017	ug/l	30	0	1.5577	1.5577-1.1	N	Erosion of natural deposits
<b>PATOKA LAKE REGIONAL WATER &amp; SEWAGE DISTRICT WATER TESTING TAB</b>								
TTHM	2023	Ppb	80		38.1	19.3-59.4	N	Disinfection process by product
Total Halo Acetic	2023	Ppb	60		29.7	25.5-63.5	N	Disinfection process by product
<b>INORGANIC CONSTITUENTS</b>								
Copper	2023	Ppb	AL=1300		0.423	90th %	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Fluoride	2024	Ppb	4	4	0.57	0.6-0.6	N	Water additive for strong teeth
Lead	2023	Ppb	AL=15		6.7	90th%	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Sodium	2023	PPM	NONE	NONE	2.7		N	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	2024	PPM	2	2	0.024		N	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	2023	pCi/L	15	0	1.7		N	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	2023	pCi/L		0	0.14		N	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	2023	pCi/L		0	0.17		N	Erosion of natural deposits
Silica	2023	Ppb	NONE	NONE	1.2		N	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radia	2023	pCi/L	5	0	0.97		N	Erosion of natural deposits

**TURBIDITY**

Daily

NTU

TT=0.3

Highest Reading

Turbidity does not present any risk to your health. Turbidity is a measure of suspended matter in water. the filtration system is functioning.

Total Organic Carbon

Average Percent of Removal %

25%

32%

26.6%-37%

Erosion of natural deposits

**UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

EPA is preparing a regulation, which will specify a Maximum Contaminant Level for radon. Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally in ground water and is released from water into the air during household use. At high exposure levels it can cause lung cancer. Radon was not detected in the treated finished water distributed by Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District.

Chloramines Daily

Ppm

4

4

3

3.91-2.8

N Added for Disinfection