2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Eastover Sanitary District
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We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about from where your water comes, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water and to providing you with this information, because informed customers are our best allies. **If you have any questions about this report or questions concerning your water, please contact Eastover Sanitary District at (910) 229-3716. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The regularly scheduled meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Eastover Community Center which is located at 4608 School Road, Eastover NC.**

What EPA Wants You to Know

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 Environmental Protection Agency's 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. Eastover Sanitary District is responsible for providing 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.

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).

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 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 septic systems; and 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 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.

When You Turn on Your Tap, Consider the Source
The water that is used by this system is the Cape Fear River, which is formed by the joining of the Haw and Deep Rivers. It is considered a Surface Water System located at the end of West E St. in Erwin, NC.

Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Results

The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Public Water Supply (PWS) Section. Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) conducted an assessment of the drinking water sources across North Carolina. The purpose of this assessment was to determine the susceptibility of each drinking water source (well or surface water intake) to Potential Contaminate Sources (PCS). The results of the assessment are available in SWAP Assessment Reports that include maps, background information and a relative susceptibility rating of Higher, Moderate or Lower.

The relative susceptibility rating of each source for the Eastover Sanitary District is determined by combining the contaminate rating (number and location of PCSs within the watershed) and the inherent vulnerability rating (geologic characteristics of the surface water source and the watershed area). The assessment findings are summarized in the table below.

Susceptibility of Sources to Potential Contaminate Sources (PCSs) .
(Found in SWAP REPORT, Table 2)

SOURCE NAME	SUSCEPTIBILITY RATING
Cape Fear River	Higher

Violations that Your Water System Received for the Report Year

During 2015, or during any compliance period that ended in 2015, our water system had no violations.

Water Quality Data Table of Detected Contaminants

We routinely monitor for over 150 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected in the last round of sampling for the particular contaminant group. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. **Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.** The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

Not-Applicable (N/A) – Information not applicable/not required for that particular water system or for that particular Rule.
Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at the level of detection set for the particular methodology used.
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 - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in $10,000,000.
Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
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 treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal – The "Level" (MRDLG) of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Maximum Residual Disinfection Level – The "Highest Level" (MRDL) of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Contaminant Level - 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 - 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.
Extra Note: 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 effects.

Turbidity – City of Dunn

Contaminant (units)	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Turbidity (NTU)	N	0.09	N/A	TT = 1 NTU	Soil runoff
		100%		TT = percentage of samples < 0.3 NTU	

* Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. The turbidity rule requires that 95% or more of the monthly samples must be below 0.3 NTU.

Unregulated Inorganics Contaminant – City of Dunn

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	Range Low High	Proposed MCL
Sulfate (ppm)	01-21-15	40	N/A	500

Lead and Copper Contaminants –Eastover Sanitary District

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	# of sites found above the AL	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm) (90th percentile)	07-23-13	0.49	0	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb) (90th percentile)	07-23-13	<.003	0	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Radiological Contaminants – City of Dunn

Contaminant (units) pCi/L	Sample Dates/ 2013	Your Water	MCL Violation Y/N	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium	Qtrly. Comp.	1.24	N	5	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Radium 228	Qtr/Com	0.0	N	2	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Gross Beta	Qtr/Com	4.95	N	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.

Disinfection By-Product Contaminants- Eastover Sanitary District

Contaminant (units)	MCL Violation Y/N	Your Water	Range Low High	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
TTHM (ppb) [Total Trihalomethanes]	N	56	54/ 56	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb) [Total Haloacetic Acids]	N	31	29/ 31	N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chloramines (ppm)	N	2.7	1/1.94	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine (ppm)	N	1.5	1/1.28	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

Disinfection By-Product Contaminants –City of Dunn

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	MCL/TT Violation Y/N	Range Low High	Your Water	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Organic Carbon (TOCs)- Raw Water	Monthly 2015	N	5.8 / 9.4	8.2	TT	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Organic Carbon (TOCs)- Treated Water	Monthly 2015	N	2.1 / 3.5	3.0	TT	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Secondary Contaminants, required by the NC Public Water Supply Section, are substances that affect the taste, odor, and/or color of drinking water. These aesthetic contaminants normally do not have any health effects and normally do not affect the safety of your water.

Water Characteristics Contaminants- City of Dunn

Contaminant (units)	Sample Date	Your Water	Range Low High	Secondary MCL
Manganese (ppm)	01-21-15	0.01	N/A	0.05
Sodium (ppm)	01-21-15	30	N/A	N/A
pH	01-21-15	7.4	N/A	< 6.5 or > 8.5