

RINGGOLD WATER SYSTEM  
ANNUAL QUALITY REPORT 2016  
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THE RINGGOLD WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS PROUD TO INFORM OUR CUSTOMERS THE WATER IN THE CITY HAS MET OR EXCEEDED ALL SAFETY AND QUALITY STANDARDS SET BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE EPA FOR 2016.

THE ANNUAL QUALITY REPORT IS A RESULT TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE 1996 SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (SDWA) IN WHICH THE CONSUMER AWARENESS, RIGHT TO KNOW AND EDUCATING THE CONSUMER.

MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF A CONTAMINANT THAT IS ALLOWED IN DRINKING WATER. MCLs ARE SET AS CLOSE TO THE MCLG AS FEASIBLE USING THE BEST AVAILABLE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY.

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 ALLOWS FOR A MARGIN OF SAFETY.

THE RINGGOLD WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS LOCATED AT 704 SOUTH DEPOT STREET RINGGOLD GEORGIA 30736. WATER PLANT LEAD OPERATOR IS DONNIE ARIKS AT 935-3167 CITY HALL 935-3061  
THE CITY'S MAIN WATER SUPPLY COMES FROM THE SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK. SOME CUSTOMERS WHO ARE CLOSE TO THE COUNTY LINE RECEIVE THEIR WATER FROM CATOOSA COUNTY WATER SYSTEM. THEIR 2016 WATER QUALITY REPORT RESULTS CAN BE FOUND AT <http://www.catoosautility.com>

## HEALTH INFORMATION

DRINKING WATER INCLUDING BOTTLED WATER MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO CONTAIN AT LEAST SMALL AMOUNTS OF SOME CONTAMINANTS. THE PRESENCE ON 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)

SOME PEOPLE MAY BE MORE VULNERABLE TO CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER THAN THE GENERAL POPULATION. IMMUNOCOMPROMISED 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 PROVIDER. 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) 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 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 HUMAN ACTIVITY.

CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN SOURCE WATER INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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 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.

IF PRESENT, ELEVATED LEVELS OF LEAD CAN CAUSE SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY PREGNANT WOMEN AND YOUNG CHILDREN. LEAD IN DRINKING WATER IS PRIMARILY FROM MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICE LINES AND HOME-PLUMBING. THE RINGGOLD WATER TREATMENT PLANT 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>.

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 REGULATIONS ESTABLISH LIMITS FOR CONTAMINANTS IN BOTTLED WATER WHICH MUST PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH.

CUSTOMERS OF THE RINGGOLD WATER SYSTEM MAY ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE WATER SYSTEM BY ATTENDING RINGGOLD CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WHICH ARE HELD REGULARLY ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

YOU MAY OBTAIN A COPY OF THIS REPORT AT THE RINGGOLD CITY HALL LOCATED AT 150 TENNESSEE STREET, RINGGOLD, GEORGIA 30736 DURING THE REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. IF WE CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MR. DONNIE ARIKS, WATER PLANT LEAD OPERATOR AT (706) 935-3167 OR MR. DAN WRIGHT, CITY MANAGER, AT (706) 935-3061