Indian Creek Newsletter

August 2012

On the web at http://www.indiancreeksubdivision.org

Contact us by email at indiancreeknews@hotmail.com

Drought Conditions

The Indian Creek board members would like to thank the majority of homeowners who have complied with the summer water restrictions. Of course, there are always some who feel the rules do not apply to them and continue to water all day/night long. We understand the desire to have a green lawn, but the conditions this summer are extreme.

Almost every day there is news in the paper or TV about the drought across the U.S. While our situation is not yet critical, it is important that we conserve our water use and continue to do any long term watering on odd/even days based on your street number.

Long term watering is defined as 2-4 hours at a time.

Established trees should do fine in the heat and if you happen to notice the tops of some trees losing branches or leaves, in the majority of cases this is nature's way of dealing with the heat. If you feel you must water, consider a slow water flow for a couple of hours based on your street number. Exception to odd/even days would be annuals or recently planted items; however, restrict watering to morning or late evening. Running a sprinkler all day is a waste of water since the majority of water evaporates and there is excess strain placed on the well pump.

The Indian Creek board members appreciate your cooperation.

"Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship

The Towanda Lions Club is sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship for a 2012 High School college bound senior and/or currently enrolled college student attending classes full time from the Towanda area. This is a one-time scholarship not open to renewal.

Applicants for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- 1. The applicant must have a Towanda mailing residence address.
- Average grade of C verified by a high school transcript.
- 3. In 250 words or less, submit a letter of application containing a brief biographical profile which includes your college plans, school activities, community service activities and work history. Indicate your plans for using the scholarship money and why you are deserving of the award.
- 4. Submit 2 letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, counselor or administrator, and one from a non-relative in the Towanda area.
- 5. Submit a copy of your fall 2012 class schedule of the college/university you will be attending.
- 6. Letter of application, recommendations, transcript, and class schedule must be received by the Scholarship Committee Chairman by September 15, 2012.

The Towanda Lions Club committee will review all applications and select one scholarship winner. All applicants will be notified by mail of the committee's choice. This scholarship is offered in memory of Steve Liebenow, a long-time Lions Club member, educator, and community leader who passed away."

Mail to: Steve Liebenow Memorial Scholarship c/o Mr. Robert Hancock 7 Bent Tree Lane Towanda, Illinois 61776

Towanda American Legion

The Towanda American Legion will have a breakfast on Sunday August 5th from 7:30 – 11:00. Breakfast includes eggs, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, hash browns, pancakes, French toast, fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, juice, milk and coffee for \$8.



There will be a pork chop dinner on Friday August 10th from 5:00 to 7:00. Dinner will include a pork chop sandwich, au gratin potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink for \$8.

All dinners are open to the public. Carry out are available. Thank you for your support of the Legion and our veterans.

The American Legion is available for rental. For more information contact Mike Potts at 728-2384. The new commander of the Legion is Tom Wagner. Tom is a veteran of the United States Army.



Welcome New Neighbors!

Ron Parsons would like to introduce Mike and Tiffany Donaldson who have moved in recently at 5 Eastwood Court. Many will remember this as the Albritton home and more recently as the Kathryn Boeckman home. For old time Indian Creek residents, the new owner's last name may sound familiar. Mike is the son of Tim Donaldson, an original owner on Candle Ridge Road and member of the first board of directors.

Important Information on Open Fires in Indian Creek Subdivision



The Indian Creek board members would like to inform you that with the extreme dry conditions, starting any open fires in the Indian Creek subdivision is prohibited until further notice. Also, be mindful of the potential for fires when using your grill (charcoal or propane). Make sure your grill cools down before storing them close to flameable materials.

Library News

Long-Range Planning: Please plan to attend. The library will host a series of Long-Range Planning Sessions – beginning at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21. Planning requires input from both library users and non-users. Later sessions will be September 6th and September 10th at 7 pm at the library. Those who attend will be entered in a drawing for an e-reader.



Audio Book Collection Expands: The library's collection of audio books is now shelved in one convenient location. We are also expanding the collection. We see so many people borrowing books on CD when they take long car trips. We hope you enjoy the new, broader selection.

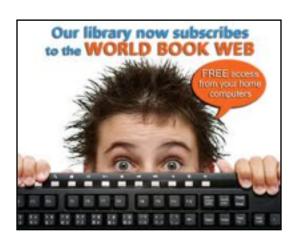
Audio Books Online: So many of you are aware that the library offers ebooks online, but did you know that Overdrive, the library's e-book vendor, also offers you audio books online? From the Towanda District Library website, select "download audio books and e-books" in the left column of the home page. You can listen on an MP3 player or in WMA format.

Adult Summer Reading Program: Have you picked up your BINGO Card – for the Adult Summer Reading Program? You have until August 24th to win one of the gift baskets provided by the FRIENDS of the Library. Baskets include: Panera Gift Card courtesy of Laesch Electric, cookies from Cookies by Design, a Cupcake Basket, a Route 66 Basket, Mixing Bowl Baskets, plus gift cards to KICKS and AVANTI's. Join today! Each ticket has an equal chance of winning!

Reading IS Sooo Delicious! Kids Have Been Cooking this Summer: Visit the library's FACEBOOK page to see photos of the young chefs at work! Robin Pearson taught the children cake decorating and did they ever enjoy frosting cookies! Home Extension members Pat Pulokas and Judy Rollins helped youth make strawberry shortcake. Chrissie Isaacs and Marilyn Blank helped children prepare international foods. Emma and Grace Reints help each week! We are grateful for all the community helpers this summer.

Our Library Subscribes to WORLD BOOK WEB for You: You now have access to World Book Encyclopedias online! That means you can use our library from the comfort of your home - even when the library doors are locked for the evening.

Just click the WORLD BOOK WEB icon on the library homepage. Then enter your Library card number (no password) and you have access to all that World Book has to offer! The World Book offers an encyclopedia, dictionary, atlas, homework help, study aids, and curriculum guides. Our library also added a few special features to our subscription:



- 1. **World Book Online for Kids:** Easy-to-read articles, multimedia, games, science projects, interactive tools, and activities for young readers.
- 2. **Craft Corners**: A great resource for teachers and 4-H or scout leaders who are looking for craft projects for a specific age group and topic.

Nominate Towanda Library!

Support those unsung heroes of story time!

The winning library receives \$5,000. The top 200 get innovative early literacy toolkits. Nominations accepted through Oct. 1, 2012.

Here's the link to vote, just enter the city/state and library to cast your vote!

http://www.readbuildplay.com/

Today's Top Voted Libraries:

- 1) Downers Grove Public Library, Downers Grove, IL with 739 nominations,
- 2) Rochester Hills Public Library in Rochester, MI with 712 nominations, and
- 3) Longmont Public Library in Longmont, CO with 624 nominations

Towanda HCE

A big THANK YOU to the Towanda area for supporting Towanda Home and Community Education and coming out for the July 3rd Spaghetti Supper. We served around 330 people on a hot steamy night!

Our fall program begins on Monday, September 10, 7 pm, meeting at the Community Building. The program will be "Some Meats ARE Less Expensive" and all are invited to hear the lesson that was learned from Schnucks Meat Department (Doug Anderson of Schnucks'). The leader lesson for this program is to be held on Monday, August 27, 1-3 pm at the Extension Office Auditorium. Call the Extension, 309 663 8306 to reserve a spot and program materials if you would like to hear Doug speak on "Meats".

For more information about Towanda HCE, call Cindy Kelley, 663-4796 or Robin Pearson, 815-579-1650. See you in September!

Classifieds



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Stair stepper exercise machine. Mogills, hmogill@frontiernet.net, 728-2048

For Hire:

Lauren Smith, age 12 and Myles Smith, age 14 will provide child care and pet care - call 728-2930

Grace Rients and Emma Rients will babysit for you! Both would be willing to babysit while you run errands, mow the lawn or have a date night. Both are certified by the Red Cross and have CPR training too! Grace and Emma Rients are also experienced pet caretakers. Please call them at 728-2178. In addition to dogs, we have experience with hermit crabs, hamsters and rabbits too!

For Sale:

Maytag refrigerator, 20.7 cu ft. w/ ice maker. \$125.00 ph: Becky 728-2991

Wanted: A 10 foot step ladder and/or a 25 foot extension ladder. Ben Daily 309-728-2496

MOVING SALE at 6 Bent Tree Lane

Aug. 3	8:00 to 5:00	
4	8:00 to 3:00	
10	8:00 to 5:00	
11	8:00 to 3:00	
17	8:00 to 5:00	MAYBE?
18	8:00 to 3:00	MAYBE?

Furniture For Sale!

- 1. Dining room Table 62x42 Solid Oak by Richardson Brothers, 6 Chairs, 4 Leaves and 3 Bar Stools \$1,000
- 2. Hall Tree 24" wide \$100
- 3. Sofa-83", Love Seat-56", Chair ALL MATCHING \$700
- 4. Slate Green Tables four different sizes \$85 each
- 5. Hall Mirror & Table 21" wide \$100
- 6. Desk 60x30 \$175
- 7. Filing Cabinet-2 drawer Steel Master \$75
- 8. Cabinet-43x16 \$75
- 9. Bedroom Furniture Queen bed, Chest, Dresser, Night Stand \$700
- 10. Lazyboy Recliner Navy Blue Leather \$275
- 11. Patio Table & Four Chairs \$175
- 12. Sofa-84" Green 2 yrs. old Martin Furniture \$650
- 13. Lazyboy Love Seat Double Recliner 62" \$350
- 14. Washer & Dryer LG Front Load Forest Green \$1,200
- 15. Queen mattress & Box springs \$100.
- 16. Queen Mattress & Box Springs 1 year old \$300.00
- 17. Sony Bravia 52" Flat Screen \$1,200
- 18. Work Bench 60x24 \$150
- 19. John Deere Riding Lawn Mower 42" Deck \$550

If anyone is interested in any of these items please call Jan or Mike Duvall before Moving Sale to set a time to see the item. Listed price or best offer will make the purchase. Cell Phone #309-532-2213 or #309-532-1320

Fall Garage Sales

This year's dates are September 6-8 (Thu.-Sat).

To be included on the list of area sales, please provide by Wednesday, August 29:

- Sale location
- Contact information (phone, email)
- Days and times of your sale (you do not need to have your sale each day)
- List of items (include as much as you like, in priority order, and depending on space available, they will be listed)
- \$7 fee (for flyers, Pantagraph ads), checks payable to Gail Ann Briggs

Email info to rgbriggs@frontiernet.net (preferred) or Send to 112 Hunt St; Towanda IL 61776 Call (728-2187) with questions.

School opening information is at www.unit5.org. First half day is Wed.Aug.22

MIDWESTERN NIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF [NOT SO] GOOD AND FYIL

SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

THE HORTICULTURE CENTER'S 2012 THEME, GARDENS OF ILL-REPUTE: SHOWCASING WICKED PLANTS AND THE VILE ACTS THEY COMMIT, culminates with a visit from Amy Stewart, the author of the 2009 New York Times bestseller Wicked Plants: The Weed that killed Lincoln's Mother and other Botanical Atrocities. Stewart will share her knowledge and passion for the dark side of Mother Nature's botanical creations.

4-6 p.m. Garden Soiree with Amy Stewart at the Horticulture Center

Feature ticket price \$50 (\$25 tax deductable)

Amy Stewart will join us for this exclusive event. Learn about wicked plants that are commonly found in your backyard as well as those that you may not be familiar with in our Gardens of Ill-Repute. Stroll through the gardens where you will view the mysterious ambiance of our annual theme beds, the dark side of our permanent gardens, and our collection of insect sculptures. You will have the opportunity to meet Stewart, and docents will be available to answer your questions. Enjoy wickedly decadent appetizers and a cash bar as you meander through the gardens. Each guest will receive a garden corsage, garden memento, and an autographed copy of Wicked Plants: The Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother and Other Botanical Atrocities.

6-7 p.m. Garden of III-Repute Market Place

Free

Visit artisan booths and wicked plant displays at the Illinois State University Alumni Center.

7-8 p.m. Wicked Plant Presentation by Amy Stewart at the Alumni Center

Feature ticket price \$25 (\$15 tax deductable)

Amy Stewart confronts Mother Nature's most nefarious botanical creations. Learn about the plants that have offended, maimed, intoxicated, and killed. Stewart's own personable wicked sense of humor combines with her knowledge of the history, medicine, science, and legend of these atrocious plants. Learn which plant was responsible for Abraham Lincoln's mother's death, which shrub ignited global war, and which plant has killed millions of people. A sinful dessert will be served with coffee and tea. Attendees receive a botanical souvenir of the evening's presentation.

Combined event purchase price \$65 (\$30 tax deductable)

For ticket registration go to **Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/HorticultureCenter**. To learn more contact Jessica Chambers, Horticulture Center director, (309) 438-3496 or (309) 438-5654, email Horticulture@IllinoisState.edu, or visit HorticultureCenter.IllinoisState.edu



The Department of Agriculture is one of eight departments and schools within the College of Applied Science and Technology at Illinois State University

If you need a special accommodation to fully participate in this program event, please contact the Horticulture Center at (309) 438-3496. Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation

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Consumer Confidence Report

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The following pages comprise the Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for your water system.

In order to meet all of the requirements of the CCR, you must include the following additional

information if it pertains to your water system.

- \bullet _The report must include the telephone number of the owner, operator, or designee of the community water system as a source of additional information concerning the report.
- In communities with a large proportion of non-English speaking residents, as determined by the Primacy Agency, the report must contain information in the appropriate language(s) regarding the importance of the report or contain a telephone number or address where such residents may contact the system to obtain a translated copy of the report and/or assistance in the appropriate language.
- The report must include information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water (e.g., time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings).
- If your water system purchases water from another source, you are required to include the current CCR year's Regulated Contaminants Detected table from your source water supply.
- If your water system had any violations during the current CCR Calendar year, you are required to include an explanation of the corrective action taken by the water system.
- If your water system is going to use the CCR to deliver a Public Notification, you must include the full public notice and return a copy of the CCR and Public Notice with the Public Notice Certification Form. This is in addition to the copy and certification form required by the CCR Rule. 03/31/2012 IL1135250_2011_2012-03-31_09-53-27.PDF 1 of 8 Please note that detections from monitoring of emergency wells is included in the CCR generated from the website.
- •_Detections of UCMR monitoring is required are not included in the CCR and must be added. When added, the information must include the average and range at which the contaminant was detected.
- If a water system has performed any monitoring for Cryptosporidium which indicates that Cryptosporidium may be present in the source water or the finished water, the report must include: (a) a summary of the results of the monitoring; and (b) an explanation of the significance of the results.
- If a water system has performed any monitoring for radon which indicates that radon may be present in the finished water, the report must include: (a) The results of the monitoring; and (b) An explanation of the significance of the results.
- If a water system has performed additional monitoring which indicates the presence of other contaminants in the finished water, EPA strongly encourages systems to report any results which may indicate a health concern. To determine if results may indicate a health concern, EPA recommends that systems find out if EPA has proposed an NPDWR or issued a health advisory for that contaminant by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). EPA considers detects above a proposed MCL or health advisory level to indicate possible health concerns. For such contaminants, EPA recommends that the report include: (a) the results of the monitoring; and (b) an explanation of the significance of the results noting the existence of a health advisory or a proposed regulation.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

INDIAN CREEK HOMEOWNERS AND WATER ASSN.

IL1135250

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2011

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

The source of drinking water used by INDIAN CREEK HOMEOWNERS AND NATER ASSN. is Ground Nater

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name _____

Este informe contiene información may importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradiscalo ó hable con alquien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, pends, 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, radicactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of aminals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and

 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 renoff, 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.

Brinking 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 EPAs Safe Drinking Water Notline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is made to wrink, 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 hust provide the same protection for public

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 transglants, people with SIVAIDS 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 smallable from the Safe Drinking Water Sotline (850-426-4791).

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. We 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 brinking Water Notline or at http://www.spa.gov/matewater/lead.

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at _______. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

To determine Indian Creek Homeowner and Water Association's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, and Source Water Protection Plan were reviewed. Based on the information contained in these documents, no potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Indian Creek Homeowner and Water Association community water supply well. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that Indian Creek Homeowner and Water Association Well #1 is not susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the well; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data for the well. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that Indian Creek Homeowner and Water Association's community water supply well is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's well is properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; there is a hydrogeologic barrier that restricts pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. However, having stated this, the U.S. EPA is proposing to require States to identify systems in karst, gravel and fractured rock aquifer systems as sensitive. Water systems utilizing these aquifer types would be required to perform routine source water monitoring. Because the community's well is constructed in a confined aquifer, which should provide an adequate degree of protection to prevent the movement of pathogens into the well, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination.

Water Quality Test Results

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or 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 or 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.

The level 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 disinfectant level

goal or MRDLG:

Maximum residual disinfectant level or The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a MRDL:

disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

na: not applicable.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. ppm:

Regulated Contaminants

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Disinfectants and Disinfection By- Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	01/01/2011	1.3	0.9 - 1.5	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	07/28/2009	35	35 - 35	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Not all sample results determine where compli-				st Level Detec	ted because s	ome results	may be part	t of an evaluation to
Total Trihalomethanes (TThm)*		2.6	2.6 - 2.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Not all sample results determine where compli				st Level Detec	ted because s	ome results	may be part	t of an evaluation to
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date		Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic - While your drinking water meets EPA standards for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPAs standard balances the current understanding of arsenics possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems. Barium	10/19/2009	0.258	0.258 - 0.258	2	2	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes. Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from
						22	-	metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	10/19/2009	0.981	0.981 - 0.981	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	10/19/2009	2.98	2.98 - 2.98		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USIPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	10/19/2009	21	21 - 21	150	150	bbp	ы	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Bodium	10/19/2009	104	104 - 104			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occuring deposits: Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	10/14/2008	2.2	2.2 - 2.2	0	5	pCI/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

2.9 - 2.9

10/14/2008

Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium

Erosion of natural deposits.