

# Village of Streamwood

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2008

For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2007  
Streamwood IL 0313060

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the STREAMWOOD water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by STREAMWOOD is Purchase Water.

For more information regarding this report, contact John B. White, (630) 736-3850.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### **Source 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 pickup 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 at (800) 426-4791.

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.

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).

# SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT



A Source Water Assessment summary is included below for your convenience.

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality.

Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake. Throughout history there have been extraordinary steps taken to assure a safe source of drinking water in the Chicagoland area. From the building of the offshore cribs and the introduction of interceptor sewers to the lock-and-dam system of Chicago's waterways and the city's Lakefront Zoning Ordinance. The city now looks to the recently created Department of the Water Management, Department of Environment and the MWRDGC to assure the safety of the city's water supply. Also, water supply officials from Chicago are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association.

Coordination of water quality situations (i.e., spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc) and general lake conditions are frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. Also, Lake Michigan has a variety of organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality. Finally, one of the best ways to ensure a safe source of drinking water is to develop a program designed to protect the source water against potential contamination on the local level. Since the predominant land use within Illinois' boundary of Lake Michigan watershed is urban, a majority of the watershed protection activities in this document are aimed at this purpose. Citizens should be aware that everyday activities in an urban setting might have a negative impact on their source water. Efforts should be made to improve awareness of storm water drains and their direct link to the lake within the identified local source water area. A proven best management practice (BMP) for this purpose has been the identification and stenciling of storm water drains within a watershed. Stenciling along with an educational component is necessary to keep the lake a safe and reliable source of drinking water.

## 2007 Regulated Contaminants Detected

### Coliform Bacteria

| Maximum Contaminant Level Goal | Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level | Highest No. of Positive | Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level   | Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples | Violation | Likely Source Of Contamination       |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 0                              | 5% of monthly samples are positive       | 2                       | Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL: A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive |   | No        | Naturally present in the environment |

# Water Quality Test Results

**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal 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. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. **mg/l:** milligrams per litre or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. **ug/l:** micrograms per litre 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. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's allow for a margin of safety.

## Regulated Contaminants

| Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source Of Contaminant              |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|-----------|---|
| Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)            | 7/12/2007       | 17.22                  | 5.7-17.22                | N/A  | 60  | ppb   | No        | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]            | 10/15/2007      | 37.28                  | 21-37.28                 | N/A  | 80  | ppb   | No        | By-product of drinking water chlorination |

| Inorganic Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source Of Contaminant  |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|-----------|---|
| Arsenic                | 9/24/2007       | 1.59                   | 0-1.59                   | 0    | 10  | ppb   | No        | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from electronics production wastes  |
| Barium                 | 8/2/2007        | 0.335                  | 0.0643-0.335             | 2    | 2   | ppm   | No        | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits    |
| Fluoride               | 8/2/2007        | 1.23                   | 0.16 - 1.23              | 4    | 4   | ppm   | No        | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge |
| Nickel                 | 8/2/2007        | 1.62                   | 0-1.62-                  | N/A  | N/A | ppb   | No        | Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching   |
| Nitrate-Nitrite        | 7/19/2007       | 0.01                   | 0-0.01                   | 10   | 10  | ppm   | No        | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Nitrate (As N)         | 7/19/2007       | 0.01                   | 0-0.01                   |      | 1   | ppm   | No        | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits   |

# Regulated Contaminants

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| Volatile Organic Contaminants | Collection Date | Level Detected | Highest of Levels Detected | Range | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source Of Contaminant                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|-----------|--|
| Dichlorobenzene               | 7/12/2007       | 2.89           | 1.11-2.89                  | 75    | 75   | ppb | No    |           | Discharge from industrial chemical factories |

| State Regulated Contaminants   | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL  | Units | Violation | Likely Source Of Contaminant   |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|------|-------|-----------|--|
| Iron<br>This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA. However, the state has set an MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.  | 8/2/2007        | 2600                   | 0-2600                   | N/A  | 1000 | ppb   | No        | Erosion from naturally occurring deposits                                    |
| Manganese<br>This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA. However, the state has set an MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.   | 8/2/2007        | 86.2                   | 2.04-86.2                | N/A  | 150  | ppb   | No        | Erosion from naturally occurring deposits                                    |
| Sodium<br>There is not a state of federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water. | 8/2/2007        | 26.8                   | 19.2 - 26.8              | N/A  | N/A  | ppm   | No        | Erosion of naturally occurring deposits' used in water softener regeneration |
| Zinc   | 8/2/2007        | 84.5                   | 1.05-84.5                | N/A  | 5000 | ppb   | No        | Naturally occurring; discharge from metal factories                          |

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| 0                              | 5% of monthly samples are positive       | 3                       | Fecal Coliform or E. Coli MCL: A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive | 7   | No        | Naturally present in the environment |

## Lead and Copper

Date Sampled: 12/31/2007

### Definitions:

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

**Action Level Goal (ALG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

| Lead MCLG | Lead Action Level (AL) | Lead 90th Percentile | # Sites Over Lead AL | Copper MCLG | Copper Action Level (AL) | Copper 90th Percentile | # Sites Over Copper AL | Likely Source of Contamination                                       |
|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 0         | 15 ppb                 | 7 ppb                | 0                    | 1.3 ppm     | 1.3 ppm                  | <0.100 ppm             | 0                      | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |

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## Regulated Contaminants

| Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG    | MCL    | Units | Violation | Likely Source Of Contaminant              |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------|-------|-----------|---|
| Chlorine                                 | 12/31/2007      | 0.7                    | N/A-                     | MRDLG=4 | MRDL=4 | ppm   | No        | Water additive used to control microbes   |
| Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)            | 7/17/2007       | 12.3                   | 4.6-12.3                 | N/A     | 60     | ppb   | No        | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]            | 7/17/2007       | 24                     | 9.3-24                   | N/A     | 80     | ppb   | No        | By-product of drinking water chlorination |

| Inorganic Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source Of Contaminant  |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|-----------|---|
| Arsenic                | 1/29/2007       | 0.56                   | 0.52-0.56                | 0    | 10  | ppb   | No        | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from electronics production wastes  |
| Barium                 | 1/29/2007       | 0.018                  | N/A                      | 2    | 2   | ppm   | No        | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits    |
| Fluoride               | 1/29/2007       | 0.92                   | 0.85 - 0.92              | 4    | 4   | ppm   | No        | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Fertilizer discharge |
| Nitrate-Nitrite        | 4/23/2007       | 0.42                   | 0.37-0.42                | 10   | 10  | ppm   | No        | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Nitrate (As N)         | 4/23/2007       | 0.41                   | 0.37-0.41                | 10   | 10  | ppm   | No        | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits   |

| State Regulated Contaminants   | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG | MCL | Units | Violation | Likely Source Of Contaminant  |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|-----------|---|
| Sodium<br>There is not a state of federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water. | 1/29/2007       | 7.4                    | 7.3 - 7.4                | N/A  | N/A | ppm   | No        | Erosion of naturally occurring deposits used in water softener regeneration |

**Note:** 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 more than one year old.

## Turbidity

| Limit (Treatment Technique) | Lowest Monthly % meeting limit | Violation | Source      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0.3 NTU                     | 100%                           | No        | Soil runoff |

| Limit (Treatment Technique) | Highest Single Measurement | Violation | Source      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 NTU                       | 0.15                       | No        | Soil runoff |

**Information Statement:** Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

## Total Organic Carbon

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.

# For Your Convenience: Village Now Offering Automatic Bill Payment for Water and Sewer Customers

The Village of Streamwood is pleased to announce its new Automatic Bill Payment Service program for water and sewer customers. Now you can have your monthly water and sewer bill payment automatically deducted from your checking or savings account.

*No more late payments!  
No more checks!  
No more postage!*

## From what types of accounts can payment be made?

You can specify your checking or savings account at any bank, savings and loan, or credit union that offers automatic payment. Most financial institutions do, but you may wish to call yours to confirm.

## How do I know the amount of my bill and the payment date?

You will continue to receive your monthly bill showing your water consumption and the date and amount of your payment. The payment will appear on your bank account statement.

## What if I do not have sufficient funds on the payment date?

It would be just the same as if you had written a check without sufficient funds. A \$25 fee will be assessed in addition to late payment penalties. In addition, you will be subject to the Village's standard collection policy for non-payment of water and sewer bills.

## What if I disagree with a bill?

Call the Village at least five days before the due date on your bill. After this time, the Village cannot adjust the debit amount.

**Participating is easy!** Simply fill out the authorization form below and return it to the Village with a voided check (or deposit slip if a check is not available for the account which you wish to have debited). Please allow two billing cycles for the automatic deduction to begin.

The Automatic Bill Payment Service is a free service offered by the Village of Streamwood. However, some financial institutions may charge their customers a fee for automatic payments. Call your institution to inquire..

## The Automatic Bill Payment Service offers. . . .

- Assurance of timely payments     Convenient payment method     Simple and easy sign-up

## Village of Streamwood Automatic Bill Payment Service Authorization Form

Complete this form, attach a voided check from the account you want to debit, and return to:  
**Village of Streamwood, Automatic Bill Payment Service, 301 E. Irving Park Road, Streamwood, IL 60107**

*I authorize the Village of Streamwood to instruct my financial institution to make my water and sewer service payments on the dates due from the account identified below. This authority remains in effect until the Village of Streamwood or financial institution has received written notification from me of termination in sufficient time to allow reasonable opportunity to act on it, or until the Village of Streamwood has sent me written notice of termination of this agreement.*

### Customer Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_ Streamwood, IL 60107

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Water/sewer account number (from bill) \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIRED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Account number (please enclose a voided check ) \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call the Finance Department at (630) 736-3810.