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If you have any questions or concerns
about the quality of your water, please
feel free to contact the Water Plant at
extension 5604.

Tours of the water plant can also be
arranged for anyone interested in
learning more about the campus water
supply. Please contact Ben Stacy at
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Important Drinking Water Definitions

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: 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.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

ppb: parts per billion, one part in one billion parts

ppm: parts per million, one parts in one million parts, equivalent to milligrams per liter

ND: Non-detect: sample result was below the lowest method detection limit.

RAA: Running Annual Average: computed quarterly, is the average of the quarterly averages for all samples taken during the previous four calendar quarters.



Only Tap Water Delivers

Japanese

この情報は重要です。
翻訳を依頼してください。

Korean

이 안내는 매우 중요합니다.
본인을 위해 번역인을 사용하십시오.

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"I have little need to remind you that water has become one of our major national concerns."

Ezra Taft Benson, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, 1955

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2006 Water Quality Report

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Your Water

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to provide high quality uninterrupted service of water, power and heat and chilled water. This mission is accomplished through a commitment to preventative maintenance, planning and inspection.

This report is to inform the on-campus population about the safety and operation of the water facilities on the main campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to EPA and state standards.

UAF has two primary drinking water wells and a third emergency well. The wells are drilled to depths of 70 to 90 feet. The primary wells are located in heated, secure buildings with concrete floors. The buildings and pads are elevated to prevent runoff from entering the wells. The wells are located on University property.

Source Water Assessment

The ADEC has compiled a Source Water Assessment of our source of public drinking water. This assessment has defined an area around our wells that is critical to the preservation of the quality of our drinking water. Within this area, they have identified potential and existing sources of contamination. Based on the information gathered, ADEC has determined the overall vulnerability of our wells to contamination. The results are available at the following locations: Rasmuson Library, UAF Power Plant, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Library.



Photo by Ben Stacy

The Atkinson Building, also known as the Power Plant, is the center of the UAF Utilities complex.

Spanish

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

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Contaminant Sources

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 ob-

tained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 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. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants,

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septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, 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 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 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 that limit the amount 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.

Russian

Данный рапорт содержит важную информацию о вашей питьевой воде. Переведите его или проконсультируйтесь с тем, кто его понимает.

Arsenic

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's 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 concen-

trations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems. Arsenic has been a major concern of the University Water Plant for many years. Naturally occurring Arsenic is very plentiful in the Fairbanks area. In 2005, the UAF Water Plant was granted reduced monitoring status by the ADEC. Our next sampling event for Arsenic is scheduled to take place in

the first quarter of 2008. The result of the last sample collected at the water treatment plant was below detectable limits for the test method used by our laboratory. The lowest detectable limit for Arsenic is 2.5 ppb. This is significant due to the EPA's lowering of the MCL for Arsenic in 2006 to 10 ppb. For comparison purposes, the UAF source water, before treatment, is 41ppb.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) are a byproduct of chlorinating water that contains natural organics. The ground

water used by the University Water Plant has always had these organics, derived, most likely, from decaying plant materials and thus, TTHM's have always been in the chlorinated water. An EPA survey discovered that trihalomethanes are present in virtually all chlorinated water supplies. In an effort to lower TTHM levels, EPA required large towns and

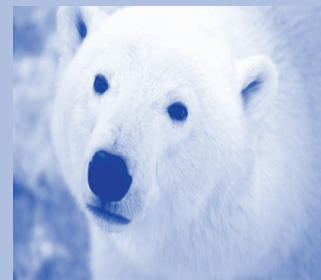
cities to reduce TTHM levels in potable water. However, recent changes in national drinking water quality standards now require that all water treatment systems, regardless of size, reduce TTHM's. For 2006, the University Water system was in compliance for TTHM's three of the four quarters. We regret to say we did not meet the MCL of 80 ppb in

Analyte	MCL	Units	Annual Avg	Frequency
Iron	0.03	ppm	0.01	Daily
Manganese	0.05	ppm	0.04	Daily
Chlorine	4.0	ppm	0.85	Daily
Hardness	NA	ppm	354	Monthly
pH	6.5-8.5	pH	7.9	Monthly

Monthly Water Plant Analysis 2006



Some water fountains are not located in high traffic areas. If possible, allow the water to run for 30 seconds to improve taste. You'll be glad you did!



Nanook is a derivation of nanuq, the Inupiaq word for polar bear. UAF's first teams had been nicknamed the Polar Bears, but after 1963, the Polar Bears became known as the Nanooks, which has since applied to all UAF sports teams.

cont. from TTHM

the first quarter of 2006 due to elevated levels of TTHM's in the last quarter of 2005. Our compliance average for the first quarter of 2006 was 83.2 ppb. (See Figure 1) The UAF Water Plant began to develop a strate-

gic plan in late 2005 in order to reduce TTHM levels within our distribution system. This plan has been a success, as indicated by sample results for the last three quarters of 2006. Increased

monitoring, treatment optimization studies, and alternative treatment strategies for the water treatment plant, have tremendously lowered TTHM levels within our system.

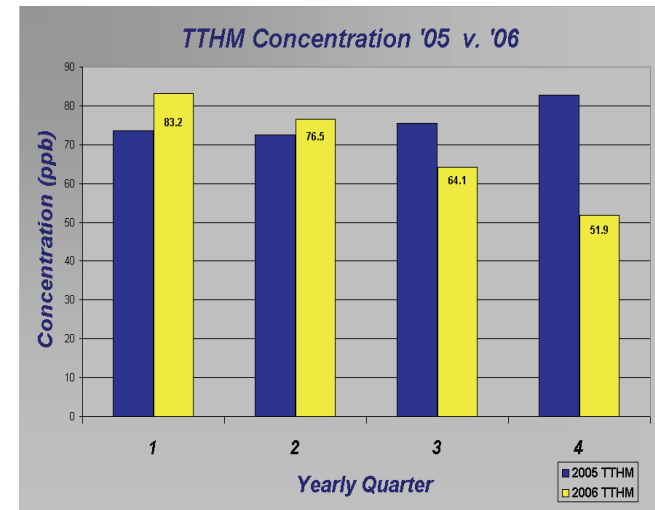


Fig. 1 TTHM concentration decline for 2006.



Contaminant Chart 2006

Contaminant	TTHM	HAA	Nitrate
Date	Monthly	Monthly	Annually
Units	ppb	ppb	ppm
MCL	80	60	10
MCLG	None	None	10
Results	51.9	14.5	1.5
Range	ND-125.0	ND-39.2	NA
Source	By-product of chlorination	By-product of chlorination	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Leaching from natural deposits
Violation	Yes	No	No

Educational Statement for Lead

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes

before using tap water. Additional information is available from Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The Division of Utilities performed its three year Lead and Copper testing in December 2004. Results of the '04 analysis can be view online at www.uaf.edu/fs. The next sampling event will be Summer '07.

Radioactive Contaminants

Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The UAF Water Plant complied with the Radionuclide Rule during the '05 monitoring event.

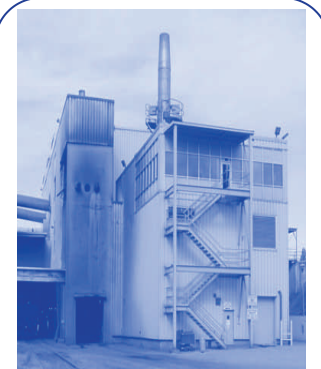


Photo by Ben Stacy

Electricity, water, gas, and steam course through the walls of my building, keeping it alive.

Mason Cooley

imiq agua

ВОДА

Language of water

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Photo by Ben Stacy

One of UAF's many fire hydrants.