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City's drinking water meets federal and state quality requirements

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. – According to the 2016 City of Mt. Pleasant Water Quality Report, the City's drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

The Mt. Pleasant Water Department routinely monitors for a number of contaminants in the City's drinking water. While it is reasonable to expect trace amounts of some contaminants, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets regulations which limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems to ensure the tap water is safe to drink.

The report revealed the contaminants detected in the City's drinking water measured well below the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) set by government regulations. For example, when testing for the presence of fluoride, the amount of fluoride in the water cannot exceed 4 parts per million (ppm). In City water, the fluoride levels averaged at 0.7 ppm.

Additionally, the City's water system tested well below action levels of the federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). The action level of lead is 15 parts per billion (ppb). The level of lead detected in the City's drinking water was zero.

The Mt. Pleasant Water Department constantly monitors the water supply for various contaminants. Tests were performed for an additional 130 chemicals and no detectable concentrations were found. "At the Mt. Pleasant Water Department, we work hard to provide top quality water to every tap, and our motto, 'Good Water Every Day,' reflects this focus," said Water Superintendent Malcolm Fox.

To see the full report, visit <http://www.mt-pleasant.org/docs/dept/publicworks/2016waterreport.pdf>.

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