

**2010**  
**Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**  
**Jackson Twp Water Authority**  
**PWSID #4110021**

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(This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak to someone who understands it.)

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water system and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is purchased bulk from Nanty Glo Water Authority, which is treated surface water from Williams Run Reservoir.

This report shows our water quality and what it means.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact **Jackson Township Water Authority at (814) 322-1262**. You may also e-mail comments or questions to [Jwaterauth@aol.com](mailto:Jwaterauth@aol.com). More information is available on the World Wide Web at [www.waterdata.com](http://www.waterdata.com) and at [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater). We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on **the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Water Authority office, located at 2949 William Penn Ave.**

The current water system has 1,452 customers. The Water Authority purchased 94,395,000 gallons and sold 56,849,800 gallons of water for the year 2010. The Authority was established in 1956 and has grown considerably over the years. One new project on the horizon for this year will be the updating and improving of our metering system. Other projects include the extension of Wagner Road by the Cambria County Redevelopment Authority and the extension of Swigle Mountain Road.

**Check your water system for leaks.**

1. Check all faucets for drips. Replace worn and leaking washer, gaskets, pipes or defective fixtures.
2. Check for leaks on outside faucets, and make sure the valve closes properly. .
3. Check toilets for leaks- they are the most common cause of high bills. Check the overflow of the tank to make sure no water is running over (float level may be set too high). To check the flapper valve leak, put a small amount of food coloring in the toilet tank after it fills. Do not flush the toilet for at least an hour, or overnight if possible. If the food coloring shows up in the bowl without flushing, you probably have a leaking flapper or plunger ball valve. If no food color in tank or bowl you definitely have a leaking flapper or plunger ball valve.

*These few routine maintenance tips will help reduce your water and sewer bills along with the betterment of the overall water system.*

**The Jackson Twp Water Authority** routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, **2010**. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

**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 form 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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).**

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Not Applicable (N/A)** – not applicable

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at a detectable level.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million or milligrams per liter (corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000).

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter** - one part per billion or micrograms per liter (corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000).

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (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.

**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 allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – 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 contamination.

**TERMS SIMPLY STATED:**

| <b><i>Parts per million (ppm)</i></b> | <b><i>Parts per billion (ppb)</i></b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3 drops in 42 gallons                 | 1 drop in 14,000 gallons              |
| 1 second in 12 days                   | 1 second in 32 years                  |
| 1 penny in \$10,000                   | 1 penny in \$10,000,000               |
| 1 inch in 16 miles                    | 1 inch in 16,000 miles                |

**Lead (ppb)** - Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Lead problems typically are associated with the home's internal plumbing pipe system.

**TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]**. 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.

**Chlorine (ppm)** - Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.