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We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about your source(s) of water, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. 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 treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water and to providing you with this information because informed customers are our best allies. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water, please contact Mike Gibert at (704) 434-2357. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

**Our drinking water once again meets and exceeds all state and federal drinking water standards.**

### **What EPA Wants You to Know**

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 Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-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).

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. The Town of Boiling Springs is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but 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 Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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

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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. 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; and radioactive contaminants, which 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 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.

### When You Turn on Your Tap, Consider the Source

Shelby's water comes from the surface water source of the First Broad River that flows along the west side of town. An emergency backup water supply at the Broad River is also available. The City of Shelby is permitted to withdraw up to 18 million gallons per day (MGD) from the First Broad River. The City is capable of utilizing the Broad River for up to 9 MGD for secondary backup water supply. The Town of Boiling Springs tap water is purchased from the City of Shelby, which falls under the regulation of the Environmental Protection Agency.

### Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Results

The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Public Water Supply (PWS) Section, Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) conducted assessments for all drinking water sources across North Carolina. The purpose of the assessments was to determine the susceptibility of each drinking water source (well or surface water intake) to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs). The results of the assessment are available in SWAP Assessment Reports that include maps, background information and a relative susceptibility rating of Higher, Moderate or Lower.

The relative susceptibility rating of each source for the City of Shelby was determined by combining the contaminant rating (number and location of PCSs within the assessment area) and the inherent vulnerability rating (i.e., characteristics or existing conditions of the well or watershed and its delineated assessment area). The assessment findings are summarized in the table below:

2019 Susceptibility of Sources to Potential Contaminant Sources (PCSs)	
<u>SOURCE NAME:</u>	<u>SUSCEPTIBILITY RATING:</u>
First Broad River	Moderate
Broad River	Higher

The complete SWAP Assessment report for the City of Shelby may be viewed and printed on the Web at: <http://www.ncwater.org/pws/swap>. If you have questions about the program or the report, please contact SWAP staff at (919) 707-9098 or email the program at [swap@ncdenr.gov](mailto:swap@ncdenr.gov). It is important to

understand that a susceptibility rating of “Higher” does not imply poor water quality, only the systems’ potential to become contaminated by PCSs in the assessment area.

### Help Protect Your Source Water

Protection of drinking water is everyone’s responsibility. You can help protect your community’s drinking water source(s) in several ways: dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center, volunteer in your community to participate in group efforts to protect your source.

### Water Quality Table Information

The City of Shelby and Town of Boiling Springs routinely monitors for over 150 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table located below shows the contaminants which were detected during January – December 2019. Both regulated and unregulated contaminants are listed and the table below contains the name of each substance, the highest level allowed by regulation (MCL), the ideal goals for public health, the amount detected, the likely sources of such contamination, footnotes explaining our findings, and a key to units of measurement. Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring to assist the EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than a year old.

For your information, the definitions of MCL and MCLG are listed below:

- Maximum contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of the contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible by the EPA and the City of Shelby and the Town of Boiling Springs are using the best available treatment technology. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

#### Key to Table

•AL = Action Level	•MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	•ppb = parts per billions, or micrograms per liter (ug/L)
•LRAA = Locational Running Annual Average	•MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	•ppm = parts per million
•MCL = Maximum Containment Level	•N/A = Not Applicable	•ppq = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
•MCLG = Maximum Containment Level Goal	•NR = Not Regulated	•ppt = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
•MFL = Million Fibers per Liter	•NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units	•SS = Secondary Standards (non-enforced guidelines)
•mg/L = Milligrams per liter		•SU = Standard Units
		•TT = Treatment Technique

#### Important Drinking Water Definitions:

**Not-Applicable (N/A)** – Information not applicable/not required for that particular water system or for that particular rule.

**Non-Detects (ND)** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at the level of detection set for the particular methodology used.

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

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

**Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/L)** - One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/L)** - One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - Million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**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)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfection 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 contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfection 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.

**Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA)** – The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters under the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule.

**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.

## Town of Boiling Springs Contaminates

Microbiological Contaminants

<u>Contaminants (units)</u>	<u>Sample Date</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>MCL Violation</u>	<u>Your Water</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
Total Coliform Bacteria (present or absent)	5/month	No	0	0	Naturally present in the environment
E. Coli (present or absent) (Samples with total coliform present must be analyzed further for e. coli contamination)		No	0	0	Human and animal fecal waste

**Disinfection By-Product Contaminants**

<u>Contaminants (units)</u>	<u>Year Sampled</u>	<u>MCL Violation</u>	<u>Your Water LRAA</u>	<u>Range Low / High</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
<b>Stage 2 DBP</b>							
TTHM (mg/L) (Total Trihalomethanes)	2019	No			N/A	0.08	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Location (B01)	Quarterly		0.054	0.035 0.076			
Location (B02)	Quarterly		0.042	0.015 0.077			
HAA5 (mg/L) (Total Haloacetic Acids)	2019	No			N/A	0.06	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Location (B01)	Quarterly		0.019	0.015 0.028			
Location (B02)	Quarterly		0.015	0.011 0.017			
Chlorine(ppm)	2019	No	0.96	0.40 1.49	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	Water additive used to control microbes

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.

**Lead and Copper Contaminants**

<u>Contaminants (units)</u>	<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>MCL Violation</u>	<u>Your Water</u>	<u># of sites above the Action Level</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
Copper (ppm) (90th percentile)	November 2019	No	<0.050	0	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (ppm) (90th percentile)	November 2019	No	<0.004	0	0	AL=0.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

\*Most recent monitoring performed in accordance with the regulations.

<u>Contaminants (units)</u>	<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>Our Water (AVG)</u>	<u>Range</u>	
	<b>2019</b>		<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>
Chloroform (mg/L)	Quarterly	0.038	0.01	0.064
Bromoform (mg/L)	Quarterly	<0.080	<0.080	<0.080
Bromodichloromethane (mg/L)	Quarterly	0.007	0.003	0.015
Dibromochloromethane (mg/L)	Quarterly	0.026	<0.001	0.08
Dichloroacetic Acid (mg/L)	Quarterly	0.009	0.005	0.013
Trichloroacetic Acid (mg/L)	Quarterly	0.008	0.004	0.013

**Asbestos Contaminant**

<u>Contaminants (units)</u>	<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>MCL Violation</u>	<u>Our Water</u>	<u>Allowable Limit</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
Total Asbestos, MFL	*9/4/2013	No	0	7.0 MFL	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits.

\*Most recent monitoring performed in accordance with the regulations.

## City of Shelby Contaminants

### Microbiological Contaminants in the Distribution System – For Systems That Collect Less Than 40 Samples Per Month

<u>Contaminants (units)</u>	MCL	<u>Your Water</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
	<u>Violation Y/N</u>				
Total Coliform Bacteria (presence or absence)	N/A	N/A	N/A	TT*	Naturally present in the environment
E. Coli (presence or absence)	N	0	0		Human and animal fecal waste

Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. Coli positive or system fails to take routine samples or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. Coli.  
Note: if either an original routine sample and/or its repeat samples are E. Coli positive, a Tier 1 violation exists.

\*If a system collecting fewer than 40 samples per month has two or more positive samples in one month, an assessment is required.

### Turbidity\*

<u>Contaminant (units)</u>	Treatment Technique (TT)	<u>Your Water</u>	Treatment Technique (TT)	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
	<u>Violation Y/N</u>		<u>Violation if:</u>	
Turbidity (NTU) - Highest single turbidity measurement	N	0.860 NTU	Turbidity > 1 NTU	Soil run-off
Turbidity (NTU) - Lowest monthly percentage (%) of samples meeting turbidity limits	N	99.4%	Less than 95% of monthly turbidity measurements are $\leq$ 0.3 NTU	

\*Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

The turbidity rule requires that 95% or more of the monthly samples must be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU.

### Inorganic Compounds

<u>Contaminant (units)</u>	<u>Sample Date</u>	MCL	<u>Your Water</u>	<u>Range Low-High</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
		<u>Violation Y/N</u>					
Fluoride (mg/L)	10/21/2019	N	1.22	0-1.22	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Barium (mg/L)	1/16/2019	N	0.016	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling waste discharge from metals, refineries; erosion of natural deposits

### Unregulated VOC Contaminants

<u>Contaminant (units)</u>	<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>Your Water</u>	<u>Range Low-High</u>	<u>Secondary MCL</u>
Methylene Chloride (mg/L)	1/16/2019	0.00070	N/A	N/A

### Disinfection Byproduct Precursors Contaminants

<u>Contaminant (units)</u>	<u>TT Violation Y/N</u>	<u>Your Water (RAA Removal Ratio)</u>	<u>Range Monthly Removal Ratio Low-High</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>	<u>Compliance Method (Step 1 or ACC#)</u>
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) TREATED (removal ratio)	N	0.42	N/A	<2.0	TT	Naturally present in the environment	ACC2

**Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Contaminants**

<u>Contaminant (units)</u>	<u>MCL/MRDL Violation Y/N</u>	<u>Your Water LRAA</u>	<u>Range Low-High</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
TTHM (mg/L) (Total Trihalomethanes)				N/A	0.080.	By-product of drinking water chlorination
B01-040	N	0.034	0.016-0.044			
B02-055	N	0.030	0.014-0.032			
B03-200	N	0.030.	0.011-0.046			
B04-023	N	0.039	0.012-0.043			
HAA5 (mg/L) (Total Haloacetic Acids)				N/A	0.060	By-product of drinking water chlorination
B01-040	N	0.017.	0.009-0.015			
B02-055	N	0.015.	0.010-0.020			
B03-200	N	0.016	0.007-0.016			
B04-023	N	0.013	0.008-0.016			
Chlorine (mg/L)	N	0.87	0.20-1.68	MRDL G=4	MRDL=4	Water additive used to control microbes

**Lead and Copper Contaminates**

<u>Contaminates (units)</u>	<u>Sample Date</u>	<u>Your Water</u>	<u># of Sites Found Above the AL</u>	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>MCL</u>	<u>Likely Source of Contamination</u>
Copper (mg/L) (90th percentile)	7/13/2019	0.082	0	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (mg/L) (90th percentile)	7/3/2019	<3	0	0	AL=0.0015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

UCMR4 Testing conducted in 2019. Results available upon request.