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**WATER QUALITY
REPORT**

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) have given us an opportunity to tell our story in the form of this annual water quality report or Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Doyon Utilities is pleased to prepare this comprehensive report for those who work and reside on Fort Greely. Our goal is to provide you with a complete picture of the water quality program.

This annual water quality report provides information on the source of our water, includes the results of the water quality tests that were conducted, and educational information about the potential health effects for drinking water that contains contaminants. Doyon Utilities will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water.

We are happy to report to you that we have surpassed established water quality standards. Doyon Utilities is compliant with the national primary drinking water regulations and has met all testing and monitoring requirements. The EPA and ADEC has determined that your water is safe at the tested and monitored levels. We have included a table in this report that outlines the tests conducted and the results of those tests.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Consumer,

Doyon Utilities operates and provides utility services for the United States Army in Alaska at Fort Wainwright, Fort Greely, and JBER (Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson). The results obtained from our 2024 water quality tests indicate that your water meets or exceeds the state and federal drinking water requirements.

Drinking water is essential to the health and mission of our military installations' personnel and residents. Prior to water treatment, our water supply wells are tested regularly for contaminants, and the treated water is analyzed for quality and compliance with safe drinking water standards throughout the distribution system. Doyon Utilities adheres to strict testing requirements with oversight by ADEC and the EPA.

Our employees take pride in and are committed to providing the Fort Greely community with safe and reliable water. Doyon Utilities' water treatment plant operators and water distribution system personnel are highly trained and certified by ADEC in the production and distribution of clean, safe water. To earn certification, each employee receives specialized training in water treatment and water distribution, must have years of on-the-job experience, and must pass comprehensive examinations. These exams cover a wide range of subjects from hydrology, microbiology, chemistry, and physics to knowledge of mechanical pumps, electricity, and principals of chlorination.



Rick Stillie
Fort Greely Director of Utilities

Doyon Utilities looks forward to continuing to provide you with exceptional quality service and drinking water. We welcome and appreciate your comments on how we are doing and will use this information to improve consumer satisfaction. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us; our door is always open.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact our offices at telephone 907-869-3600 or email us at duinfo@doyonutilities.com.

Sincerely,

Rick Stillie
FGA Director of Utilities

The results from our 2024 water quality tests indicate that your water meets or exceeds the state and federal drinking water requirements.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

Fort Greely Main Post and Allen Army Airfield (AAAF) each obtain their water supplies from one primary ground water well and one secondary well. The water is high quality and requires very little treatment and disinfection prior to being distributed to the public.

The water treatment process is fairly simple. As water from the primary and/or secondary wells enters the water treatment facility, chemical feed equipment injects a chlorine solution into the stream to provide disinfectant to the raw water. Sodium fluoride is also added to promote healthy teeth and gums. Once the water is treated, the water is stored in multiple storage tanks. Several pumps maintain pressure in the distribution system. The finished water is tested daily to ensure the pH, chlorine residual and fluoride concentrations are at their optimum levels. In addition to the daily routine testing, we also conduct periodic testing to closely monitor all drinking water contaminants specified by the EPA Safe Drinking Water Act. We are proud to report the results of our water quality tests and allow you to have complete confidence in the water you consume.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

A Source Water Assessment is a detailed report, unique to each water system, which provides basic information about the area that provides water to your drinking water source.

The Alaska Department of Conservation (ADEC) conducted source water assessments for the Fort Greely groundwater drinking water supply wells on Main Post (wells 8 and 9) and Allen Army Airfield (wells 1 and 1A). The source water assessments identified that the Doyon Utilities Fort Greely main post wells have vulnerabilities related to the groundwater aquifer and contaminants that have potential to impact drinking water quality. These vulnerabilities are linked to nearby industrial activities, environmental factors, chemicals stored on Fort Greely, and well locations. Despite these vulnerability assessments, Doyon Utilities drinking water quality remains stable and compliant with EPA and ADEC standards. To mitigate these vulnerabilities Doyon Utilities utilizes numerous operational strategies including frequent laboratory sampling, onsite testing, and operating procedures to ensure that the drinking water remains compliant. The report data for the Fort Greely wells is available to review on ADEC's Drinking Water Watch web page. This online tool allows anyone to view data on active public water systems in Alaska. To access the Fort Greely water system information go to: www.dec.alaska.gov/dww. The specific public water system IDs are AK2370780 and AK2370798.

Doyon Utilities conducts all required EPA and ADEC required water testing. Doyon Utilities also collects water samples from the wells and the treated water to confirm proper source water and drinking water quality.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5 (UCMR5)

Every 5 years the EPA conducts a nationwide sampling and monitoring effort for unregulated contaminants (UCMR5). The 5th iteration of this rule began in 2023 and the Fort Greely Allen Army Airfield system was designated as part of the monitoring program. The UCMR5 monitors for 29 PFAS chemicals and lithium in drinking water systems. The Fort Greely Allen Army Airfield system completed sampling for this monitoring effort in July 2024 and all samples in the UCMR5 monitoring list were non-detect. This serves as the public notification requirement of notifying all system customers of UCMR5 results.

All UCMR5 results will ultimately be available to the public (updated quarterly) via EPA's UCMR Occurrence Data webpage at:

www.epa.gov/dwucmr/occurrence-data-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule



This Consumer Confidence Report summarizes drinking water quality for the period between January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. In order to conserve natural resources and maximize distribution, this report is available to download at www.doyonutilities.com. Hardcopies are available by contacting Doyon Utilities Environmental at 907-455-1500.



DRINKING WATER RESULTS

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 the 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 1-800-426-4791. Doyon Utilities routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The following tables show the results for substances detected for the period between 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 and lists the Regulated Contaminants required to be monitored by the EPA that were detected in your water.

All substances detected were well within the EPA guidelines for drinking water quality. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. For more details on water test results or how we conduct our testing program, please call Doyon Utilities Environmental at 907-455-1500.

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TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS USED

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

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 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.

Not Applicable (NA): When NA is used in the range column, only one sample was taken, therefore, no range exists.

Not Detectable (ND): The contaminant is below the detectable limits of the testing method.

PCi/L: Picocuries per Liter.

ppb: Parts per billion or micrograms per liter.

ppm: Parts per million or milligrams per liter.

PWS: Public Water System

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Fort Greely (FGA) Drinking Water Monitoring Results

PWS AK2370780

Substance	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Detection Range	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Coliform Bacteria (Revised Total Coliform Rule)	Monthly 2024 100% of Samples Negative	N	NA	TT	NA	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminants						
Fluoride	Daily 2024	N	Range 0.4 – 0.8 ppm	4 ppm	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Free Residual Chlorine	Daily 2024	N	Range 0.38 – 1.49 ppm	MRDL 4 ppm	MRDLG 4 ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
Barium	Every 9 Years Last Sample: April 2020	N	0.053 ppm	2 ppm	2 ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	Every 9 Years Last Sample: April 2020	N	0.001 ppm	100 ppm	100 ppm	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	Annually (April 2024)	N	0.33 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Lead ¹	July-August 2023	N	90% = Less than 0.5 ppb Range ND - 0.8 ppb	AL=15 ppb	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper ¹	July-August 2023	N	90% = 0.050 ppm Range 0.014 - 0.098 ppm	AL=1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Combined Radium (Radium 226, Radium 228)	Every 9 Years Last Sample: April 18, 2017	N	0.84 ± 0.53 pCi/L	5 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	Every 9 Years Last Sample: April 18, 2017	N	2.9 ± 1.7 pCi/L	15 pCi/L	0	Erosion of natural deposits

¹Fort Greely conducted residential copper and lead testing at the housing units in July and August 2023. Ten samples were collected during sampling event. Zero samples exceeded the lead or copper action level.

Substance	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Detection Range	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Organic Contaminants						
Total Trihalomethanes Building 638 Building 960	Last Sample: April 26, 2023 19.3 ppb 1.0 ppb	N	Average 10.15 ppb	80 ppb	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids Building 638 Building 960	Last Sample: April 26, 2023 3.5ppb ND	N	Average 1.75 ppb	60 ppb	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
p,m-Xylene	Quarterly 2024 ND - 0.62 ppb	N	Average 0.31 ppb	-	-	Part of Total Xylene
Total Xylene	Quarterly 2024 ND - 0.62 ppb	N	Average 0.000031 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm	Discharge from petroleum products and refineries; discharge from chemical factories

Allen Army Air Field Drinking Water Monitoring Results *PWS AK2370798*

Substance	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Detection Range Well 1A	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Coliform Bacteria (Revised Total Coliform Rule)	Monthly 2024 100% of Samples Negative	N	NA	TT	NA	Naturally present in the environment
Inorganic Contaminants						
Free Residual Chlorine	Daily 2024	N	0.29 ppm – 1.7 ppm	MRDL 4 ppm	MRDLG 4 ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
Barium	Every 3 Years Last Sample: April 2020	N	0.057 ppm	2 ppm	2 ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Lead ¹	July 2023	N	90% = 2.1 ppb Range ND - 3 ppb	AL=15 ppb	0 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper ¹	July 2023	N	90% = 0.1325 ppm Range 0.031 - 0.21 ppm	AL=1.3 ppm	1.3 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

¹Fort Greely Allen Army Airfield conducted copper and lead testing in July 2023. Five samples were collected. Zero of the samples exceeded the lead or copper action level.

Substance	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Detection Range	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination
Organic Contaminants						
Total Trihalomethanes Building 111	Every 3 Years Last Sample: April 20, 2022	N	Average 8.7 ppb	80 ppb	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids Building 101	Every 3 Years Last Sample: April 20, 2022	N	Average 6.2 ppb	60 ppb	NA	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Ethylbenzene	Quarterly 2022 1.3 - 2.8 ppb	N	Average 2.18 ppb	-	-	
p,m-Xylene	Quarterly 2022 4.7 - 11 ppb	N	Average 8.68 ppb	-	-	Part of Total Xylene
o-Xylene	Quarterly 2022 3.8 - 11 ppb	N	Average 7.55 ppb	-	-	Part of Total Xylene
Total Xylene	Quarterly 2022 8.5 - 21 ppb	N	Average 0.01623 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm	Discharge from petroleum products and refineries; discharge from chemical factories

Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule, UCMR 5

Substance	Sample Date	Detection Range	MCL	Source
Per- and PolyFluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS)	January & July 2024	ND	N/A	Fire and water-resistant products
Lithium	January & July 2025	ND		Naturally present in the environment

LEAD & COPPER IN DRINKING WATER

The EPA Safe Drinking Water Act requires public water systems to test water samples from its customers to determine lead and copper levels. Lead and Copper samples were collected at numerous locations on Fort Greely during 2023.

During the sampling events the lead and copper concentrations were below the primary drinking water standards. There is nothing in the treatment process that would introduce lead in the water; therefore the water is tested at the individual service locations. If abnormal levels of lead or copper were to be detected in the water supply, residents will be notified and Doyon Utilities will initiate the corrective action.

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. Doyon Utilities is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes in the distribution system, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying any lead materials within your home plumbing and contacting housing maintenance to repair or remove them. Flushing water through home plumbing systems is an effective strategy to lower lead levels. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Doyon Utilities by calling 907-869-3600 or email us at duinfo@doyonutilities.com. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

As part of an update to the EPA Revised Lead and Copper Rule Doyon Utilities has examined the materials used in all service lines in the drinking water distribution system to check for any lead lines. Doyon Utilities found zero lead service lines in the Fort Greely distribution system. Further information on lead service lines on Fort Wainwright is available at <https://ak-lsli-adec.hub.arcgis.com/>



WATER SYSTEM CONDITIONS & MAINTENANCE



Be assured that Doyon Utilities makes every effort to ensure the water provided to Fort Greely is safe for consumption and the installation is notified should water quality deteriorate.

A common occurrence that residents may experience is white cloudy water. This is typically caused by air bubbles in the water system. Any cloudy water that does not clear up after sitting for a couple minutes should be reported to housing maintenance. Some residents may also experience brown or rusty water coming from their faucets, more often in older housing. This is usually caused by a higher concentration of minerals in the water. This does not mean that the water is not safe. This may also occur during hydrant maintenance activities that Doyon Utilities conducts regularly to provide proper water flow rate and functionality of the fire protection system. During these hydrant maintenance and flow testing events the water may appear hazy or have a slight color at the consumer tap. Likewise, earthquakes, rapid changes in water velocity, and firefighting activities may also cause discolored water events. If you notice changes in water color, run several faucets until the water is clear. If any of these conditions persist for several minutes after flushing, it should be reported to housing maintenance.

Water Testing & Your Health

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or underground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals. In some cases, water can pick up radioactive material, or substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Although our water supply may contain some of these contaminants, it is important for you to know that these substances are either removed completely or reduced to a safe level before it arrives at your water tap.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment facilities, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic Contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which may naturally occur or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production or farming.
- **Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic Contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic compounds, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive Contaminants**, which may occur naturally or result from oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which 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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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 / Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline at 800-426-4791.

Doyon Utilities is happy to answer any other questions about the water quality of the water we provide. For general information or for water quality questions call the Doyon Utilities Fort Greely office at 907-869-3600.



EXCELLENCE IN WATER QUALITY

Since 2008, Doyon Utilities and its employees have been producing and delivering high quality drinking water to our partners at Fort Wainright, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), and Fort Greely. Our company proudly serves over 55,000 service members, families, and Department of Defense civilians across these three military installations.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) recognizes water systems each year for outstanding performance achieving compliance with the Drinking Water and Operator Certification regulations. The Water System Excellence Award is a concerted effort between ADEC's Drinking Water Program and Operator Certification Program to evaluate and recognize drinking water systems who in the award year met the following parameters for the Ursa Major and Ursa Minor awards.



Ursa Major Excellence Award

- Maintained 4 quarters of Operator Certification compliance
- No open, unresolved, or incurred Drinking Water violations during the award year



Ursa Minor Excellence Award

- Maintained 4 quarters of Operator Certification compliance
- No more than one open, unresolved, or incurred Drinking Water violation during the award year

OR

- Maintained 3 quarters of Operator Certification compliance
- No open, unresolved, or incurred Drinking Water violations during the award year



Ursa Major Awardees:

Fort Wainwright: 2018-2023
Fort Greely AAAF: 2018-2023
Fort Richardson: 2018-2023
Fort Greely: 2019-2023
Fort Wainwright DRMO: 2021-2023

Ursa Minor Awardees:

Fort Richardson: 2020

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