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Ms. Shanna Harris
Town of Hermosa-New System
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Hermosa, SD 57744
SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY TO twnhrmsa@custercountysd.com

RE: Annual Drinking Water Report for Town of Hermosa-New System (EPA ID 2268)

Dear Ms. Harris:

It is time again for all community public water systems to issue the annual *Drinking Water Report* to their customers. The intent of this requirement is to ensure that consumers using your system know about the quality of their drinking water. Each community public water system must make the drinking water report available to its individual customers by **July 1, 2014** for water quality data collected during or prior to calendar year 2013.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is supplying all community water systems in South Dakota an example drinking water report tailored to each system. However, your system had violations in 2013 and you must include the following information in your drinking water report: 1) Type of Violation; 2) Date of Violation; 3) Duration of Violation; 4) Health Effects Language; and 5) Action taken by your system to address the violation. DENR has included most of this information in the Table of Violations for your system. **Check the information in the attached report for accuracy and make changes as required. Distribute the report to your customers, and send a copy to DENR with the certification form as soon as possible but no later than July 1, 2014.**

Electronic versions of your 2013 Drinking Water Report has been sent to the finance officer and the utility manager. An Adobe PDF copy of the report can also be found online at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/dw/sysinfo.aspx> . If you have questions concerning the content or distribution of the drinking water report, please contact me at (605)773-6576.

Sincerely,

Mitchel Williams

Mitchel Williams
Drinking Water Program

cy: Chuck Ferguson, Utility Manager

Instructions for Report Delivery and Recordkeeping

The Town of Hermosa-New System public water system must distribute the report and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources must receive a copy of your report no later than July 1, 2014.

You must mail or directly deliver a copy of the Drinking Water Report to each customer. A good faith effort must be made to reach all of your consumers. Your water system must make the report available upon request and keep it on file for three years. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources must receive a copy of your report no later than July 1, 2014. Complete the following form and return it to us after you distribute the drinking water report to your customers.

2013 Annual Drinking Water Report Certification of Distribution Town of Hermosa-New System

I certify that the information contained in the drinking water report for the Town of Hermosa-New System is true and correct based upon my best information, knowledge, or belief and that the report has been distributed as required and a good faith effort has been made to reach all consumers. The Town of Hermosa-New System public water system has returned a copy of the drinking water report to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and will make the report available upon request for three years.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

EPA ID No: 2268

You can contact us by calling or
write us at
PO Box 298
Hermosa SD 57744

Town of Hermosa-New System

2013 Drinking Water Report

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It's your tap water!



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Water Quality

Last year, the Town of Hermosa-New System monitored your drinking water for possible contaminants. This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Water Source

We serve more than 400 customers an average of 37,000 gallons of water per day. Our water is groundwater that we produce from local wells. The state has performed an assessment of our source water and they have determined that the relative susceptibility rating for the Hermosa-New System public water supply system is medium.

For more information about your water and information on opportunities to participate in public meetings, call and ask for Shanna Harris.

Additional Information

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 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.
- *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.

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. 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/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants can be obtained by calling the Environment Protection Agency's 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 Hermosa-New System public water supply system 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>.

Detected Contaminants

The attached table lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2013 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2013. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Violations

Your system had violations in 2013. Please see the attached Table of Violations for information concerning these violations.

2013 Table of Detected Contaminants For Hermosa-New System (EPA ID 2268)

Terms and abbreviations used in this table:

- * *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 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.*
- * *Action Level(AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. For Lead and Copper, 90% of the samples must be below the AL.*
- * *Treatment Technique(TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. For turbidity, 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU*

Units:

- *MFL: million fibers per liter
- *mrem/year: millirems per year(a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
- *NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- *pCi/l: picocuries per liter(a measure of radioactivity)
- *ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter(mg/l)
- *ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter(ug/l)
- *ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
- *ppq: parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
- *pspm: positive samples per month

Substance	90% Level	Test Sites > Action Level	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (AL)	Ideal Goal	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Copper	0.2	0	07/16/13	AL=1.3	0	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead	1	0	07/16/13	AL=15	0	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Substance	Highest Level Detected	Range	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Alpha emitters	36	11 - 36	12/01/13	15	0	pCi/l	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	0.033		07/16/13	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Cadmium	1		07/16/13	5	5	ppb	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints.
Chromium	23		07/16/13	100	100	ppb	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium	10	6 - 10	12/01/13	5	0	pCi/l	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Uranium	63	14 - 63	12/01/13	30	0	ppb	Error
Fluoride	0.4		07/16/13	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

Please direct questions regarding this information to Mr Chuck Ferguson with the Hermosa-New System public water system.

2013 Information on Violations For Hermosa-New System (EPA ID 2268)

(This Drinking Water Report can be used as a Tier III Public Notice if distributed to each customer within 12 months of when the system was notified of the violation.)

Violation Type	Parameter	Date System Notified	Duration In Months	Health Effects Language	Action Taken By Your System
Exceedance of Allowable Contaminant Level	Alpha Emitters	05/06/13		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.	<p>Corrective action taken by your system:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have since completed the required sampling and/or reporting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have taken additional measures within the water system administration to be sure that samples are taken properly in the future.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The proper number of samples was taken in the following month and we are now back in compliance with the sampling regulations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)_____</p>
Exceedance of Allowable Contaminant Level	Combined Radium	05/06/13		Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.	<p>Corrective action taken by your system:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have since completed the required sampling and/or reporting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have taken additional measures within the water system administration to be sure that samples are taken properly in the future.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The proper number of samples was taken in the following month and we are now back in compliance with the sampling regulations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)_____</p>
Exceedance of Allowable Contaminant Level	Alpha Emitters	05/29/13		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.	<p>Corrective action taken by your system:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have since completed the required sampling and/or reporting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have taken additional measures within the water system administration to be sure that samples are taken properly in the future.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The proper number of samples was taken in the following month and we are now back in compliance with the sampling regulations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)_____</p>
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Exceedance of Allowable Contaminant Level	Alpha Emitters	08/20/13		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.	<p>Corrective action taken by your system:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have since completed the required sampling and/or reporting.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> We have taken additional measures within the water system administration to be sure that samples are taken properly in the future.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The proper number of samples was taken in the following month and we are now back in compliance with the sampling regulations.</p>

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Exceedance of Allowable Contaminant Level	Alpha Emitters	12/26/13		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.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)_____ Corrective action taken by your system: <input type="checkbox"/> We have since completed the required sampling and/or reporting. <input type="checkbox"/> We have taken additional measures within the water system administration to be sure that samples are taken properly in the future. <input type="checkbox"/> The proper number of samples was taken in the following month and we are now back in compliance with the sampling regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)_____
Exceedance of Allowable Contaminant Level	Combined Radium	12/26/13		Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)_____ Corrective action taken by your system: <input type="checkbox"/> We have since completed the required sampling and/or reporting. <input type="checkbox"/> We have taken additional measures within the water system administration to be sure that samples are taken properly in the future. <input type="checkbox"/> The proper number of samples was taken in the following month and we are now back in compliance with the sampling regulations. <input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)_____

For additional information concerning any violation please contact Mr Chuck Ferguson with the Hermosa-New System public water system.