We are pleased to present to you this year’s Annual Consumer Quality Report. This report is a snapshot of last year’s water quality. Included are details about the source of your water, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

The water that is used by this system is purchased from the Dare County Water Department located at the Skyco Water Treatment Facility. The Town of Manteo controls the water distribution system that delivers the water to your house.

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 believe informed customers are our best allies.

**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 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.

**Sampling Results:**

We routinely monitor for over 150 contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. These tables list all the drinking water contaminants that we detected in the last round of sampling for the particular contaminant group. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. The EPA or 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.

**Important Drinking Water Definitions:**

- **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 (μg/L)**: One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in $100,000,000.
- **Action Level (AL)**: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

You can find more information at the EPA website (http://www.epa.gov/odsswdrp/). There you will find additional information and resources about drinking water quality and the health effects of contaminants.

To access your SWAP report, please visit the Town of Manteo’s website at www.townofmanteo.com and enter your service location. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water service, please contact Nathan Pharr (Utilities Superintendent) at (252) 473-2133. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.