

2014 Annual Consumer Water Quality Reports Now Available

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Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), the base water provider, and Terrapin Utility Service, Inc., the base water infrastructure manager, have released their 2014 annual water consumer confidence reports.

The reports detail water quality parameters and data collected verifying water quality. Under the Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, community water systems are required to report water quality information annually to the consuming public. The WSSC and Terrapin reports present information on the water source, its constituents and any health risks associated with any contaminants.

The WSSC report is available through their website at <http://www.wssewater.com/home/jsp/content/wat-qual-report.faces>. To contact WSSC, call 301-206-8100. The Terrapin report is available in pamphlet format and can be obtained at their Joint Base Andrews office at R69 Pennsylvania Avenue. To contact Terrapin, call 301-735-4101. Questions about these reports can also be directed to Bioenvironmental Engineering at 240-857-3380.

To ensure safe drinking water, the Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations to limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or by visiting their website at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/hotline/>.