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ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Black Diamond Water System -- System I.D. # 072207

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Dear Customer --

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water we deliver to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The source of our drinking water is the **Black Diamond Springs**, a series of springs located within the City's watershed on the south side of the Green River within the south half of Section 19, Township 21 North, and Range 7 East. Water is chlorinated and pumped almost two miles to the City's new 4.3 million gallon reservoir located on the south side of Lawson st. across from Botts Dr. intersection, where the water is treated for corrosion to raise the PH of the water and then distributed throughout the distribution system. The city does have an alternative water source with a connection to pipe line #5 with the City of Tacoma in case of an emergency to the City of Black Diamond water system or when water demands exceed the city's water rights.

A PARTNER FOR SAFE WATER...

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establishes national standards for public drinking water to ensure that tap water is safe to drink. The State Department of Health and EPA coordinate to establish maximum allowable levels for contaminants, as well as goals and action levels for contaminants. Because contaminants are defined as **ANY** substance in water, it is important to note that some substances are of concern only if they are present above certain levels. In order to remain in compliance with State and Federal regulations, the City of Black Diamond's drinking water must be below the permitted level of these substances. This report is intended to share information regarding the City's water quality with you and to explain any violations. Pursuant to Federal regulations, the City is required to provide all water customers of the City with a copy an Annual Drinking Water Report. Annual Drinking Water Reports are provided to our customers in June of each year.

THE RESULTS OF OUR TESTING...

The City of Black Diamond routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of **January 1st to December 31st, 2007**. Where the City was not required to test during this period, the most recent test results are indicated.

The City tests **twice each month** for the presence of coliform bacteria and **once** each year for nitrate. Once every **three** years testing is done for inorganics, volatile organics, and synthetic organic compounds

pursuant to regulations. In 2005, testing for **inorganics** was completed. In 2006 testing for **volatile organics** and **synthetic organics** was completed. The samples are collected by City Water Department Staff and then analyzed by a state certified laboratory. The City is required to report all instances where a contaminant is detected, even if the level is far below the EPA's Maximum Contaminant Level. A number of additional contaminants are tested for on a regular basis, but were Non-Detectable during the last testing period. If you would like additional information regarding the full list of contaminants that we test for, please feel free to contact **Dan Dal Santo, Utilities Supervisor at 886-2560.**

All 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. It is also important to understand that **Maximum Contaminant Level's (MCL's)** described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.**) are set at **very stringent levels.** To understand the possible health effects

BLACK DIAMOND WATER SYSTEM - 2006 - TEST RESULTS						
Inorganic Contaminants - Blended Springs Sample - Tested August 2005						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL max contaminant level	Likely Source of Contamination
1. Antimony	NO	less than (<)5	Part per billion (ppb)	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
2. Arsenic	NO	< 2	ppb	n/a	50	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
3. Asbestos	NO	< 2	MFL	7	7	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits
4. Barium	NO	< .1	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
5. Beryllium	NO	< 3	ppb	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
6. Cadmium	NO	< 2	ppb	5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
7. Chromium	NO	< 10	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
8. Copper (SEE NOTE ON COPPER, BELOW)	NO	< .02	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
9. Cyanide	NO	< 50	ppb	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
10. Fluoride	NO	< .2	Part per million (ppm)	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
11. Lead	NO	< 2	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

12. Mercury (inorganic)	NO	< .5	ppb	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
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Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
13. Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (Test Date of 08/21)	NO	0.9	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
14. Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	NO	< .2	ppm	1	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
15. Selenium	NO	< 5	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
16. Thallium	NO	< 2	ppb	0.5	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides:

No Contaminants Detected. Test Date September, 2004. Waiver 2005-2007 Next Test Date 2008.

Microbiological Contaminants - 2006 (Sampled Twice Monthly)

No Contaminants Detected in 2006.

Volatile Organic Contaminants:

No Contaminants Detected. Test Date June, 2006. Next Test Date 2009.

DEFINITIONS: The following definitions may be helpful in understanding the information included within the table above:

- **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** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

THE BOTTOM LINE...

All of the City's test results in 2007 were in full compliance with the State Department of Health and EPA regulations.

COPPER VIOLATION AND CITY COMPLIANCE...

The water that the City delivers to the customers meets all requirements for lead and copper. The City is also required to test the lead and copper levels in sample homes at the tap after 8 hrs of no use to determine if lead and copper is leaching from pipes and plumbing fixtures. City's water system did

exceed the regulated Action Level for copper at a limited number of homes during testing in 1996. The City entered into a Bilateral Compliance Agreement for Lead and Copper with the Department of Health in 1998. With the addition of the new 4.3 million gallon reservoir and pump station, corrosion control treatment was added to the City water system. The first set of lead and copper follow up samples were tested in the last half of 2007. All the test results for the lead and copper sampling that were collected were under the maximum contaminate level. **The City is pleased to report that the corrosion control improvements are proving to be very effective in reducing pipe corrosion and we expect to be in full compliance with this regulation once the Department of Health has reviewed our most recent test results.**

Naturally occurring chemicals in the City's water make the water slightly corrosive, which can result in the leaching of copper from the water lines and fixtures within a home. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor before consumption.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS...

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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

2007 CONSERVATION UPDATE...

As we head into summer, **please help by using your drinking water wisely.** If you water outside, water plants and lawns in the early morning or late evening, and only water as necessary. Watch the regular City news letter and the City of Black Diamond new web page: www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us for watering tips, and updates. High PEAK water use results in increased costs and unnecessary stress upon our pumping facilities. **If we do experience hot, dry weather, watering restrictions may have to be implemented.** With your voluntary assistance, we hope to avoid mandatory restrictions in 2007. **Thanks for your help!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

We appreciate your interest in understanding the City's water system and drinking water quality. If you have questions about this information, please feel free to contact **Seth Boettcher, Public Works Director, or Dan Dal Santo, Utilities Supervisor @ (360) 886-2560.** At the City Council level, Councilmembers **Geoff Bowie** and **Kristine Hanson** serve as your **Council Utilities Committee.** Utility Workers **Ken Blakely** and **Steve Butcher** work hard each day to keep your drinking water flowing and safe.

If you are a landlord or someone who receives the billing for the water consumed by large populations PLEASE send a copy of this to each of your renters or post this report in a manner that all consumers have uninhibited access to this report. If you would like more copies, please contact City Hall @ 360-886-2560. Thank You!
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