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This report describes Cobb's drinking water sources, quality, and testing that protect the high quality of our water supply. This publication conforms to a federal regulation requiring water utilities to provide this information annually. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Mark Flanagan at 623-2777, 501 Benson Street, PO Box 158, Cobb WI 53526. We want our customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Village Board meetings. They are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Cobb Village Hall located at 501 Benson Street.

Safe drinking water is an essential resource for our residents. We had one MCL violation in January; one monthly sample was missed. The sample was immediately taken upon finding and the sample came back satisfactorily according to DNR requirements. All proper procedures for MCL violations were followed. Our water quality meets or is better than, state and federal standards. The information in this report is also submitted formally and routinely to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on a regular basis.

We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water is pumped from Well #3 which is housed at the Village Office at 501 Benson Street. The well was constructed in August of 1986. It is 765 feet deep. The water is stored in the water tower between Wilson and Union Streets. The tower is 120 feet high with capacity of 100,000 gallons. The tower is inspected every 5 years and cleaned as needed. It was inspected and cleaned in May of 1998 and rechecked in October of 2003. The water tower was inspected and painted in 2006, both inside and outside. In 2008 the Village pumped 12,742,000 gallons of water. An average of 224 water utility customers used 9,367,800 gallons. The rest was used for fire, fire training, water main breaks, and hydrant flushing. Our water is not treated with fluoride because of cost factors. The American Dental Association recommends children consume fluoride for cavity prevention. Fluoride supplements are a more consistent way of making sure your child is getting the proper amount of fluoride. Please talk to your physician regarding supplements.

The Cobb Water Utility routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to Dec. 31st 2008. "All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or is man made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials." 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. 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.

The hardness of the water in the Village of Cobb is 17 grams. Additional testing is done. However, since these tests have been completely negative it was not necessary to list them here. We are very satisfied that even the constituents listed in the table are way below Maximum Contaminant levels (MCL's) (the allowed amounts) and show just a small trace of constituents.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects 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.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments.

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).

We're very confident in our water quality. We ask that all our customers continue to help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. To avoid contamination please avoid disposal of contaminants onto the ground (gasoline, paint, etc.). If you have any questions regarding your water supply, please contact the Village Office.