



PRESS RELEASE

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The Environmental Working Group (EWG) recently published a national report on the quality of drinking water which appeared in the "PATCH". Although EWG promotes this database as a transparent assessment highlighting adverse impacts of your drinking water, their characterization of the quality of our water provided is totally deceptive and irresponsible.

The Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority (NBCMA) fully stands by the quality of water we provide to our customers. Our water is safe to drink. It is not getting anyone sick and is not causing cancer. NBCMA purchases 79% of its water from a state of the art modern water treatment facility. The other 21% of our water comes from 15 municipal wells located throughout our community. Our team of water professionals are highly trained. They are certified within their field and work every day to make sure that NBCMA water meets or exceeds all federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) water quality standards.

The database of actual readings that EWG has published is a compilation of results that NBCMA publishes through our Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which is published in June of each year for the previous year. We send our CCR notices to all water customers of NBCMA in addition to the regulatory agencies. Reports are also available on our website for viewing anytime day or night.

The "Health Guideline" that EWG is using as their guideline for healthy water is a number that the State of California uses as their "Maximum Containment Level Goal" or MCLG. It is extremely important to note that a MCLG is NOT an enforceable standard or regulation that any water supplier, even those in California, are required to meet. The numerical values reported for NBCMA by EWG for certain contaminants are so infinitesimally small that it should not cause anyone any concern. The EWG's characterization of this data as being harmful to the public is completely misleading, and an attempt to destabilize the good work we do. The EWG report is NOT in the best interest of the public.

In America, freedom of speech is a wonderful thing, but with freedom comes responsibility. EWG's negative portrayal of our drinking water supply is unsettling and contrary to the values, mission and goals of this Authority. NBCMA adheres to strict EPA and PA DEP regulations and standards as we test our water routinely to ensure the safety and quality of our water. As expected by our customers, NBCMA would inform our customers if we ever had a violation of the strict standards of the EPA and PA DEP.

If you are a Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority water customer and would like to view our CCR (Water Quality Report), you can access it on our website:

<http://nbcmatoday.org/uploads/2016%20Consumer%20Confidence%20Report.pdf>

Our CRR Reports are posted on our website for years 2008 to the present time. If you would like a physical copy of the report, please contact the Authority administrative office @ 215-357-8515 and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

