



# CITY OF MORRIS (IL0630600)

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2025

We are pleased to present the City of Morris' Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. Our system safeguards its groundwater supply, and we can report that we had no violation of a contaminant level or any other water quality standard. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our Water Department at 815-942-4026. You may also contact our Superintendent for more information.

*Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.*

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### **How Can I Get Involved?**

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. You are invited to attend any of our regularly scheduled city council meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 PM at the Morris Municipal Services Building located at: 700 N. Division Street. You can also contact City Hall at 815-942-0103 for information on the next meeting of the Water and Sewer Committee.

### **Sources of Drinking Water**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of drinking water used by the City of Morris is ground water. Four deep wells located within the city limits pump water to the Water Treatment Plant where it blends and then is treated.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

### **Other Facts about Drinking Water**

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least some small amounts of 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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

### **Source Water Assessment & Its Availability**

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, three potential secondary sources or possible problem sites were identified within the minimum setback zones for Morris's wells. Fourteen additional sources are located within the 1,000 foot radius of the wells. Furthermore, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank and Remedial Project

Management Sections of the Illinois EPA indicated several additional sites with ongoing remediation which may be of concern. Based on edits received from the community, the following sites have been remediated: Morris Reporting Center, Fosen Paint Store, Appliances Limited, Johnson Boat & Motor Sales, Downtown Laundry & Cleaning, and Gebhard Brewery. Also the following businesses have had their tanks removed or the business has changed names, John Norman, Trenton Oil Co., Grundy County, Dale Starks Excavation, Tele Communications, City of Morris, and Varland Bus Service. The Illinois EPA has determined that the Morris Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data on the wells. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

**Service Line Material Inventory**

The Service Line Material Inventory contains the service line materials for each residence/building our water system serves and was updated in April 2025. This document is available to view upon request. If you wish to view the Service Line Material Inventory for the City of Morris IL0630600, please contact Dalton Gordon at 815-942-2205.

**2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected**

The next several tables summarize contaminants detected in your drinking water supply.

Here are a few definitions and scientific terms which will help you understand the information in the contaminant detection tables.

AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
ALG	Action Level Goal: The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Avg	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs is based on running annual average of monthly samples.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MRL	Minimum reporting level
N/A	Not Applicable
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppb	Parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L) - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm	Parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L) - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

**Lead and Copper**

	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Range of Levels Detected	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2025	1.3	1.3	0.758	0 – 0.998	0	ppm	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead	2025	0	15	0	0 – 24.8	2	ppb	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR LEAD: Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially for pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The City of Morris is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the City of Morris Water Department at 815-942-2205. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data, please call the City of Morris Water Department at 815-942-2205..

Disinfectants & Disinfection Byproducts	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2025	1.2	1 – 1.5	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2025	6	5.6 – 6	No goal for the total	60	ppb	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	35	32.3 – 34.7	No goal for the total	80	ppb	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Barium	2025	0.0138	0.0138 – 0.0138	2	2	ppm	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2025	0.65	0.65 – 0.65	4	4.0	ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Iron	2025	0.109	0.109 – 0.109		1.0	ppm	NO	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA; However, the state regulates; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (Measured as Nitrogen)	2025	0.37	0.37 – 0.37	10	10	ppm	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	2025	169	169 – 169			ppm	NO	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration
<b>Radiological Contaminants</b>								
Combined Radium 226/228	2025	2	2.27 – 2.27	0	5	pCi/L	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross alpha excluding radon & uranium	2025	6	5.8 – 5.8	0	15	pCi/L	NO	Erosion of natural deposits

**Violation Summary Table**

Consumer Confidence Rule requires community water systems to prepare and provide to their customers annual consumer confidence reports on the quality of the water delivered by the systems.

Contaminant or Program	Violation Duration Start Date – End date	Violation Explanation
CCR Adequacy / Availability / Content	07/01/2024 – 01/08/2025	We failed to provide you, our drinking water customers, with an annual report that adequately informed you about the quality of our drinking water and the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.
Corrective Action:	We updated and republished the report. We will continue to provide the annual report in a timely manner.	