



### Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Certification Form

Name of CWS: Borough of Zelienople PWSID Number: 5100093

The community water system (CWS) named above confirms that its CCR for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 has been distributed to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). The system also confirms that the information in the CCR is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

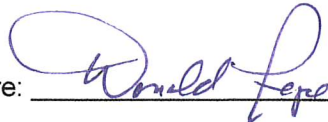
**Please check all items that apply to your CCR delivery.**

- CCR was hand-delivered to customers. Date delivered: \_\_\_\_\_
- CCR was distributed by mail. Date mailed: \_\_\_\_\_
- CCR was distributed by other direct delivery method(s). (check all that apply):
  - Mail notification that CCR is available on website via a direct uniform resource locator (URL)\*
    - Direct URL address: www.zelieboro.org Date mailed: June 29, 2020
  - E-mail – direct URL to CCR\*
  - E-mail – CCR sent as an attachment to the e-mail\*
  - E-mail – CCR sent embedded in the e-mail\*

Date(s) email sent: \_\_\_\_\_

\* If the CCR was provided electronically, attach a description of how a customer requests a paper copy.

- "Good faith" efforts were used to reach non-bill paying consumers:
  - posting the CCR on the Internet at www.zelieboro.org
  - mailing the CCR to postal patrons within the service area (attach a list of zip codes used)
  - advertising the availability of the CCR in news media (attach copy of announcement)
  - publication of CCR in local newspaper (attach copy of newspaper announcement)
  - posting the CCR in public places (attach a list of locations)
  - delivery of multiple copies to single bill addresses serving several persons
  - delivery to community organizations (attach a list)
  - electronic newsletter or listserv (attach a copy of the article or notice)
  - electronic announcement of CCR availability via social media outlets (attach list of outlets utilized)
- The CCR was posted on a publicly-accessible Internet site because this system serves 100,000 or more.
  - Internet site address: www.\_\_\_\_\_
- Delivered CCR to other agencies as required by the state/primacy agency (attach a list)
- A copy of the CCR and a completed CCR Certification Form have been sent to the DEP district office (or the Allegheny County Health Department) that provides oversight and support of this water system. (See back of form for addresses.)

Certified by: Signature:  Print Name: Donald C. Pepe

Title: Borough Manager Phone: (724) 452-6610 Date: 8/20/2020

**For DEP use only. Checked by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Safe Drinking Water Program Regional Office and County Health Department Contact Information  
for CCR and CCR Certification Form Submissions**

- The completed form is to be addressed to: PA DEP - Safe Drinking Water and sent to the address of the appropriate district office or county health department (CHD) having jurisdiction over the water system.
- District and CHD addresses by county can be found within DEP document number 3930-FM-BSDW0560. This document can be located by searching under "forms" for document number 3930-FM-BSDW0560 on eLibrary at the following link: <http://www.depgreenport.state.pa.us/eLibrary/GetFolder?FolderID=3195>.

## 2019 ZELIENOPLE BOROUGH ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

PWSID #: 5100093 NAME: BOROUGH OF ZELIENOPLE

*Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, ó hable con alguien que lo entienda.* (This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate it for you, or speak with someone who understands it.)

### **WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION:**

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Public Works Director at 724-452-6610 x 242 or [pwzelieboro@zoominternet.net](mailto:pwzelieboro@zoominternet.net). We want you to be informed about your water supply. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Monday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

### **PROVIDER AND SOURCE OF WATER:**

The Borough of Zelienople is consecutive water system which purchases its water from Beaver Falls Municipal Authority (BFMA) for its customers. The source of water for BFMA is the Beaver River, which is formed by the confluence of the Mahoning and Shenango Rivers near New Castle. There are also several smaller tributaries, including the Connoquenessing Creek, Pymatuning Creek and Brush Creek, that feed into the watershed that supplies the water treatment plant.

A Source Water Assessment of the Beaver River was completed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (Pa. DEP). The Assessment has found that the Beaver River is potentially most susceptible to accidental spills along roads and railways that border the river for almost its entire length. Overall, our source has a high risk of significant contamination. A summary report of the Assessment is available on the Source Water Assessment & Protection Web page at (<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/Subjects/SrceProt/SourceAssessment/default.htm>). Complete reports were distributed to municipalities, water supplier, local planning agencies and PADEP offices. Copies of the complete report are available for review at the Pa. DEP Pittsburgh Regional Office, Records Management Unit at (412) 442-4000.

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).

### **MONITORING YOUR WATER:**

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. The following tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data is from prior years in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The date has been noted on the sampling results table.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**Action Level (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - 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.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Minimum Residual Disinfectant Level (MinRDL)** - The minimum level of residual disinfectant required at the entry point to the distribution system.

**Level 1 Assessment** – A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**Level 2 Assessment** – A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Mrem/year** = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

**ppm** = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

**pCi/L** = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**ppq** = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

**ppb** = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

**ppt** = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

**DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS: Borough of Zelenople**

<b>Chemical Contaminants – Borough of Zelenople</b>								
Contaminant	MCL in CCR Units	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine	4	4	2.06	0.97-2.06	ppm	3/2019	N	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHMs (Total trihalomethanes)	80	N/A	50.06	31.8-74.7	ppb	Quarterly	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	60	N/A	21.14	12.7-29.9	ppb	Quarterly	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Dichloroacetic Acid	60	N/A	9.98	4.18-17.8	ppb	Quarterly	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Trichloroacetic Acid	60	N/A	11.06	7.4-9.62	ppb	Quarterly	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Dibromoacetic Acid	60	N/A	0.13	0-1.02	ppb	Quarterly	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection

<b>Lead and Copper – Borough of Zelenople</b>							
Contaminant	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	Units	# of Sites Above AL of Total Sites	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Lead	15	0	2.96	ppb	2	N	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper	1.3	1.3	0.262	ppm	0	N	Corrosion of household plumbing.

**Microbial (related to Assessments/Corrective Actions regarding TC positive results) – Borough of Zellenople**

Contaminants	TT	MCLG	Assessments/ Corrective Actions	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria	Any system that has failed to complete all the required assessments or correct all identified sanitary defects, is in violation of the treatment technique requirement	N/A	The treatment technique was not violated.	N	Naturally present in the environment.

**DETECTED SAMPLE RESULTS: Beaver Falls Municipal Authority (BFMA)**

<b>Turbidity</b>						
Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Source of Contamination
Turbidity	TT=1 NTU for a single measurement	0	0.11	6/28/19	N	Soil runoff
	TT= at least 95% of monthly samples ≤ 0.3 NTU		100%	6/28/19	N	

**Chemical Contaminants – BFMA**

Contaminant	MCL in CCR Units	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Copper	1.3	1.3	0.296	0.0174-0.938	ppm	8/2019	N	Corrosion of household plumbing, erosion of natural deposits
Lead	15.0	0.00	0.0031	0.0-0.0054	ppb	8/2019	N	Corrosion of household plumbing, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	10.0	10.0	1.89	1.89	ppm	10/2019	N	Runoff from fertilizer use, Leaching from septic tanks and sewage, erosion of natural deposits
Barium	2	2	0.0303	0.0303	ppm	10/2019	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	0.1	0.1	0.0023	0.0023	ppm	10/2019	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.
Nickel	0.1	0.1	0.0036	0.0036	ppm	10/2019	N	Leaching from metals in contact with drinking water pipe such as pipes and fittings; erosion of natural deposits.

<b>Chemical Contaminants – BFMA</b>								
Contaminant	MCL in CCR Units	MCLG	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Fluoride	2	2	0.45	0.45	ppm	10/2019	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Additive to promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Chlorine	4.0	4.0	3.62	0.2-3.62	ppm	Monthly	N	Water additive to control microbes
Chloramines	4.0	4.0	2.75	0.28-2.75	ppm	Monthly	N	Water additive to control microbes
TTHMs (Total trihalomethanes)	80	N/A	53.08	18.7-75.3	ppb	Quarterly	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	60	N/A	36.63	24.1-44.8	ppb	Quarterly	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection

<b>Entry Point Disinfectant Residual - BFMA</b>							
Contaminant (Units)	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	0.2	1.51	1.51-2.71	ppm	2019	N	Water additive used to control microbes.

<b>Total Organic Carbon (TOC) – BFMA</b>					
Contaminant	Range of % Removal Required	Range of percent removal achieved	Number of quarters out of compliance	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
TOC	25-45	35.3-65.3	0	N	Naturally decaying organic matter

<b>UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING - BFMA</b>				
<b>Finished water (sampled in March, June, September, December 2018)</b>				
Contaminant	Reporting Limit (ug/L)	Range Detected (ug/L)	Health Advisory Level (ug/L)	Likely Source of Contamination
Germanium	0.300	<0.300	N/A	
Manganese	0.400	1.16 – 2.28	50	Naturally occurring element
Alpha – hexachlorocyclohexane	0.010	<0.010	N/A	Pesticide
Chlorpyrifos	0.029	<0.029	N/A	Organophosphate insecticide
Dimethipin	0.192	<0.192	7.3	Runoff from herbicide use
Ethoprop	0.029	<0.029	N/A	Pesticide
Oxyfluorfen	0.048	<0.048	N/A	Runoff from herbicide use
Profenofos	0.288	<0.288	N/A	Pesticide for cotton crops

## UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING - BFMA

### *Finished water (sampled in March, June, September, December 2018)*

<i>Contaminant</i>	<i>Reporting Limit (ug/L)</i>	<i>Range Detected (ug/L)</i>	<i>Health Advisory Level (ug/L)</i>	<i>Likely Source of Contamination</i>
Tebuconazole	0.192	<0.192	N/A	Agricultural Fungicide
Permethrin	0.038	<0.038	N/A	Residential/Industrial pesticide
Tribufos	0.067	<0.067	N/A	Pesticide for cotton crops
1-Butanol	2.00	<2.00	N/A	Solvent, fuel additive, plasticizer
2 - Methoxyethanol	0.400	<0.400	N/A	Jet fuel anti-icing additive; solvent for resins, coatings, dyes
2-Propen-1-ol	0.500	<0.500	N/A	Herbicide
BHA	0.0297	<0.0297	N/A	Antioxidant and preservative in food, animal feed, cosmetics, rubber, petroleum products; also used in medicines
o-Toluidine	0.00693	<0.00693	N/A	Manufacture of dyes
Quinoline	0.0198	<0.0198	N/A	Discharges from petroleum, coal

### *Untreated water (sampled in March, June, September, December 2018)*

<i>Contaminant</i>	<i>Reporting Limit</i>	<i>Range Detected</i>	<i>Health Advisory Level</i>	<i>Likely Source of Contamination</i>
Bromide	20.0 (ug/L)	<20.0 - 265	N/A	Naturally occurring
Total Organic Carbon	0.500 (mg/L)	4.12 – 6.38	N/A	Naturally decaying organic matter
Total Microcystin	0.300	<0.300	0.3 children, 1.6 adults	Produced by certain species cyanobacteria
Anatoxin-a	0.0300	<0.0300	N/A	Produced by certain species cyanobacteria
Cylindrosperopsin	0.0900	<0.0900	0.7 children, 3 adults	Produced by certain species cyanobacteria

### *Distribution System (sampled in March, June, September, December 2018)*

<i>Contaminant</i>	<i>Reporting Limit (ug/L)</i>	<i>Range Detected (ug/L)</i>	<i>MCL (ug/L)</i>	<i>Likely Source of Contamination</i>
Monochloroacetic Acid	2.00	<2.0 – 18.9	60	By-product of disinfection
Monobromoacetic Acid	0.300	<0.300 – 1.04	60	By-product of disinfection
Dichloroacetic Acid	0.200	6.4 – 16	60	By-product of disinfection
Trichloroacetic Acid	0.500	6.38 – 22.9	60	By-product of disinfection

***Distribution System (sampled in March, June, September, December 2018)***

<b><i>Contaminant</i></b>	<b><i>Reporting Limit (ug/L)</i></b>	<b><i>Range Detected (ug/L)</i></b>	<b><i>MCL (ug/L)</i></b>	<b><i>Likely Source of Contamination</i></b>
Bromochloroacetic Acid	0.300	1.94 – 4.95	N/A	By-product of disinfection
Dibromoacetic Acid	0.300	<0.300 – 2.49	60	By-product of disinfection
Bromodichloroacetic Acid	0.500	2.53 – 7.41	N/A	By-product of disinfection
Chlorodibromoacetic Acid	0.300	<0.300 – 2.35	N/A	By-product of disinfection
Tribromoacetic Acid	2.00	<2.00	N/A	By-product of disinfection

\*EPA's MCL for fluoride is 4 ppm. However, Pennsylvania has set a lower MCL to better protect human health.

**DETECTED CONTAMINANTS HEALTH EFFECTS LANGUAGE AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:**

*Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.*

During the past year we were required to conduct one (1) Level 1 assessment. One (1) Level 1 assessment was completed. In addition, we were required to take one (1) corrective action and we completed one (1) of these actions.

***VIOLATIONS: Borough of Zelienople***

We failed to monitor or report at least 90% of all required distribution system samples in a month for chlorine. All of the required water quality tests were performed and the sample results were in compliance.

We failed to take or report the required number of distribution system residual disinfectant samples during the month. All of the required water quality tests were performed and the sample results were in compliance.

We delivered our 2018 CCR to our customers by July 1, 2018; however, we failed to deliver our 2018 CCR to DEP by July 1, 2018. We have submitted this CCR to DEP to return to compliance.

We failed to complete a Level 1 Assessment by July 5, 2019, which necessitated the attached public notification. (see the attached Public Notification).

**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and 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. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which 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 stormwater run-off, 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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA and DEP prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA and DEP 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 small amounts of some 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 the Environmental Protection Agency's *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* (800-426-4791).

#### **Information about Lead**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Borough of Zelienople Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the *Safe Drinking Water Hotline* or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

A paper copy of this report can be picked up at the Zelienople Municipal Building or you may request a copy by calling the Borough office at 724-452-6610.



**FAILURE TO COMPLETE A LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE  
ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.**

The Borough of Zelienople recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

During recent routine monitoring, our water system tested positive for total coliform bacteria. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and that are used as an indicator that a potential pathway exists through which contamination (including potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens) may enter the distribution system.

As a result, we were required to conduct a Level 1 assessment of our system within 30 days. A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. *We failed to conduct the required Level 1 assessment within 30 days, and have therefore, violated a drinking water requirement.*

**What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

Failure to conduct an assessment to identify the sanitary defect that triggered the assessment has the potential to prolong the risk of fecal contamination of our distribution system water. While we have not detected any evidence of fecal contamination in our distribution system, we are committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the potential threat of contamination. *Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

**What is being done?**

The Level 1 assessment has been completed.

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The problem was resolved on October 18, 2019.

For more information, please contact: Donald C. Pepe, Borough Manager  
at 724.452.6610

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by the Borough of Zelienople.

PWS ID #: 5100093

Date distributed: August 28, 2020