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### **Initial Round of Manganese Testing – Test Result Update**

The first round of manganese testing for the City of Ironwood water system has been completed by a State of Michigan approved testing facility, White Water Associates, Inc.. The Western Upper Peninsula Health Department sampled 25 residential homes around the City of Ironwood as well as the feed point to the City of Hurley, Wisconsin (located on Silver Street at the Montreal River Bridge) and the City of Ironwood Pump Station discharge point (located at the City of Ironwood well field off Pump Station Road). The manganese test results ranged from 1.6 parts per billion (ppb) to 120 parts per billion for the 25 residential properties sampled. The feed point to the City of Hurley measured 45 parts per billion. The City of Ironwood Pump Station discharge point measured 290 parts per billion. **All the test results were under the EPA health advisory levels for manganese.**

The Western Upper Peninsula Health Department has also sampled an additional 16 residential properties earlier this week and anticipate the results of this second round of testing to be available shortly.

As a reminder the EPA does not regulate or require testing of manganese levels in drinking water. The EPA health advisory levels are 300 parts per billion for children less than 12 months old and for adults is 1000 parts per billion.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) advisory for infants less than 12 months remains in effect until all sample results are completed. Bottled water remains available at the Ironwood Public Safety Building (123 West McLeod Ave.).



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