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City water quality report released

No violations of water quality standards found in drinking water.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has released the city of Branson's annual Water Quality Report for the 2008 calendar year, and there were no violations of water quality standards.

The report is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirement of all water systems, both municipal and private. The Missouri DNR regulates all water systems and requires testing on a regular basis to ensure its safety. The purpose of the Water Quality Report is to inform residents of a community about the quality of their water and to allow them to see the actual elements in the water based on tests performed during the year. The report also contains definitions of terms and other information about the water system in Branson.

The report must mention any violations of water quality standards that might have occurred during 2008. The city of Branson had no violations.

According to the DNR, drinking water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants as it travels over the surface of the land or through the ground. The water dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. However, the presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

Branson operates two water treatment plants where 91 percent of the water treated comes from Lake Taneycomo and six groundwater wells that account for only 9 percent of the water treated.

During 2008, the city produced 1.3 billion gallons of drinking water. The peak month for water production is July, which is also the month with the most visitors in town.

Copies of the 2008 EPA Water Quality Report are available for public inspection at the Branson Public Works Department, 616 West Pacific. It is also available on the city's website, www.bransonmo.gov. Residents can also call the Consumer Confidence Hotline at 417-337-8565