

## Background & Testing Information

The Dry Town Community Water System is located in the community of Giiwediin and through water main connections distributes water to Giiwediin, Dry Town, Bacon Strip, Bacon Square, Akikaandag, Trepania Road, along CTH E through Skunawong, Gurno Lake, Indian Lake, and all the way to South Reserve. This system is fully chlorinated and is tested daily to ensure chlorination is within acceptable limits. The Dry Town water system has two wells, approximately 160 feet deep, on each side of the pump house in Giiwediin which pumps this water back to the surface to be pumped to three water storage sites for consumer use and consumption. 100% of the population among the reservation utilizes groundwater. There are no lead service lines. Source water made available upon request.

Radium 226/228, Gross Alpha (radioactivity), and Uranium were tested on 8/2/22, Synthetic Organic Compound (SOC's) testing was conducted 5/2/24, Volatile Organic Compound (VOC's) samples were last tested 5/2/24, Inorganic Compounds (IOC's) testing was done on 5/2/24, and Disinfection By Products (DBP's) on 8/6/24 all were within the standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act. All bacteria sampling was completed per EPA requirements. Copies of all results are on file at the Public Works Department office for your review.

"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."

### Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidiosis is a disease that causes watery diarrhea. It is caused by microscopic germs—parasites called *Cryptosporidium*. *Cryptosporidium*, or "Crypto" for short, can be found in water, food, soil or on surfaces or dirty hands that have been contaminated with the feces of humans or animals infected with the parasite. Immunocompromised persons are more at risk for infections. During 2001–2010, Crypto was the leading cause of waterborne disease outbreaks, (<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto/publications.html>) linked to recreational water in the United States. The parasite is found in every region of the United States and throughout the world.\*

**Cryptosporidium has not been found in the Lac Courte Oreilles water source. This is purely for your information**

(\*Cited from

<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto/general-info.html>)

### Lead in Drinking Water

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. LCO Public Works is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing.

You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water.

If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact LCO Public Works (Public Water system Id: 055295310) by calling 715-634-0345

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## Contact Us

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### In-Case Of Emergency

A Public Works employee is on call 24/7. Please call the office at 715-634-0345, if it is past business hours a phone number will be provided on the answering service for On-Call Personnel.

For more information, please contact us or visit us at the Public Works office.



## LCO Public Works Department

## 2025 Drytown System Consumer Confidence Report

Business Hours  
Monday-Friday  
08:00 AM – 4:30 PM

24/7 Emergency Service  
Available

Inorganic Contaminants	Number of samples	MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)	Your Water	Sample		
				Date	Violation	Typical Source
Arsenic	10	10 ug/L	1.1	8/6/24	No	Rocks, Mineral and soil, some pesticides, drilling
Barium	10	2000ug/L	11	8/6/24	No	
Fluoride	10	4000 ug/L	.071	8/6/24	No	

Disinfectant By-Products	Number of samples	MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)	Your Water	Sample		
				Date	Violation	Typical Source
HAA5	10	60 ug/L	5.7	8/6/24	No	Disinfectants react with organic matter
TTHM	10	80 ug/L	13.0	8/6/24	No	

Nitrates	MCGL (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)	MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)	Your Water	Sample		
				Date	Violation	Typical Source
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	<.1	5/2/2024	No	fertilizer ,Septic tanks; Erosion

Lead & Copper	Number of Samples	MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal)	Your Water	Sample			
				Date	Samples Exceeding Action	Violation	Typical Source
Copper (ppb) - action level at consumer taps	10	1300 ug/L	44.1 ug/L	9/27/2024	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb) - action level at consumer taps	10	15 ug/L	.5 ug/L	9/27/2024	0	No	