



SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

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2013 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

For the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

(Including data for Fair Harbor, Riverside, Brentwood, Stony Brook and East Farmingdale Water Districts)

Dear Suffolk County Water Authority Customer:

I'm pleased to provide you with the Suffolk County Water Authority's 2013 Drinking Water Quality Report – whether you're viewing this report online or in paper form.

As always, this year's report contains many pages of charts, data, maps and information about the quality of the drinking water in your community. But this year, with permission from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Health, we have elected to make the report available primarily through electronic means. Doing so will save approximately \$90,000 per year, which can be used to mitigate future rate increases or for important infrastructure improvements. It will also save an enormous amount of paper.

But most importantly, shifting our focus to electronic distribution means it will be much easier for you to locate the information that matters most to you—the quality of the drinking water in your community. Instead of having to look for the report in a free newspaper delivered to your home, and then searching the report for the page with your community's water quality information, you can go to a direct URL on the internet and either read through the entire report or just locate your area on the list to find water quality information for your neighborhood immediately. It's that easy.

For those of you who prefer to continue to read the report in paper form, we will still maintain a supply of paper reports. To request a report, just call our Customer Service line at (631) 698-9500 and we'll send a copy to you right away. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to review your important water quality information because at SCWA, our top priority is to provide our customers the highest quality drinking water. In fact, the quality of our water far surpasses New York State standards, which are among the strictest in the country. Once again, we have met the exacting standards rigorously enforced by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Health Department, which have found our drinking water to be safe.

This report is scientific and complex by necessity, so if you have trouble understanding your test results, please do not hesitate to call us at the number above so we can answer your questions. As always, we are here to help you.

James F. Gaughran, Chairman,
Suffolk County Water Authority

Here's what you will find inside:

- Pages 2-3 explain how our water cycle works and includes a summary of the Source Water Assessment Program.
- Pages 4-5 provide information on protecting our groundwater and on conserving water.
- Pages 6-7 contain information on new testing, and descriptions of new educational videos now available on our website.
- Pages 8-11 provide educational information about various constituents in drinking water and important information for immuno-compromised individuals.
- Pages 12-13 explain our water treatment process, and lists SCWA wells placed in service and taken out of service last year.
- Pages 14-15 explain how to review water quality for your area.
- Pages 16-25 provide a water distribution area index, which will help you find the water quality results for your home or business.
- Pages 26 and 27 display a comprehensive map of our distribution areas.
- Pages 28-34 provide the data for every distribution area with the lowest, highest and average readings for every constituent detected in our drinking water.
- Pages 35 and 36 provide a list of compounds we tested for that were not detected in our distribution system and various tables displaying test results for bacteria, lead and copper.
- Pages 37 and 38 contain the contact information for our offices, SCWA statistics and several notices for the water districts we operate are included.

**Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua de beber.
Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.**