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### Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Released Online

The Portland Water Bureau released its annual water quality report online. The report confirms Portland is continuing to deliver clean and safe drinking water to nearly a million customers.

Portland's drinking water comes from two high-quality sources, which are the two largest drinking water sources in the state—the Bull Run Watershed and Columbia South Shore Well Field.

“Dedicated staff at the Portland Water Bureau work to provide drinking water that meets or surpasses all drinking water standards,” said Water Bureau Director Michael Stuhr. “We encourage our customers to learn more about what goes into delivering safe water to their taps.”

The report summarizes water quality results for 2017 and provides general information about Portland's drinking water system. The report also highlights two major treatment improvements that Portland is undertaking. These improvements will provide increased public health protection against lead in household plumbing and *Cryptosporidium*, an organism that can potentially cause illness. They will also result in more consistent water quality, and serve as an investment for future regulations.

Customers concerned about lead in water may wish to request a free lead-in-water test kit. These are available by contacting the LeadLine at 503-988-4000 or [www.leadline.org](http://www.leadline.org). Since lead in water can come from faucets and brass fixtures as well as lead solder, testing water is the easiest way to check for lead in their home plumbing. To learn more about reducing lead exposure, visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/water/lead](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/lead).

The Portland Water Bureau is mailing a postcard this week to inform every customer about the availability of this report online. Customers are also able to request a paper copy, either [online](#) or by phone. The report is available in large font for the visually impaired, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese and Spanish. The report can be found [online](#) or by calling the Portland Water Bureau Water Quality Line at 503-823-9444.

The report is available online at: [www.portlandoregon.gov/water/waterqualityreport](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/waterqualityreport).

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