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Village of Skokie

Village of Skokie Response to the WBEZ Report on Water Quality

On September 7, 2017 WBEZ Radio, *Morning Edition* ran an on-air segment about water quality in Illinois. The on-air segment referenced a recently published report by the Environmental Working Group (EWG), an independent, not for profit organization that highlighted pollutants such as 1,4 Dioxane, in drinking water systems across the nation. The intent of the report is to raise concern about how drinking water resources like Lake Michigan can become contaminated with chemicals.

Skokie currently purchases water from Evanston, which is sourced from Lake Michigan. The EWG report referenced data obtained by the EPA during 2013-15. The single positive test of Skokie drinking water was from 2014. Skokie was one of multiple communities in our area that had a detectable level in at least one specimen during this time. The detected levels recorded in 2014 were well below EPA safety levels.

According to the EPA, 1,4 Dioxane is "used in many products, including paint strippers, dyes, greases, varnishes and waxes, and is an impurity found in antifreeze and aircraft deicing fluids and in some consumer products (deodorants, shampoos and cosmetics). As highlighted by the EWG report, it is not uncommon for trace amounts of this and other chemicals to be found in drinking water.

As a part of its ongoing testing program to assure the safety of Skokie's drinking water, the Environmental Health Division collects 72 water samples per month from various locations throughout the Village for analysis. If you would like to know more about the Village of Skokie's water testing program, call the Skokie Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 847/933-8484. To view the Village's 2016 Water Quality Report (*current*), please [click here](#).