

## CITY OF FAIRMONT 2008

### DRINKING WATER REPORT

The city of Fairmont is issuing the results of the monitoring done on its drinking water by the Minnesota Department of Health for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2008. The purpose of this report is to inform Fairmont residents about their drinking water and to heighten their awareness of the need to protect our precious water resource. Once again we're happy to inform you that the water did not violate any regulated standards. This is a reflection of the hard work by our employees to bring you water that is absolutely safe. This report is a review of the data compiled on potential contaminants in 2008. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to EPA and the Minnesota Department of Health Standards. Also listed are phone numbers and information about how you can find out more about your water system.

### 2008 MONITORING RESULTS

No contaminants were detected at levels that exceeded the Federal Safe Drinking Water Standards in 2008. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table on the back page shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts in 2008. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once per year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled by the Minnesota Department of Health in 2008. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table.

## SOURCE OF FAIRMONT'S WATER

The City of Fairmont provides its water from Budd Lake, a surface water source. Water is drawn from Budd Lake through two intakes: a shallow intake and a deep intake. The Water Treatment Plant is operated to utilize the intake that has the best raw water quality. If you would like more detailed information on how Fairmont's water is treated or have any questions about the drinking water, please call Butch Hybbert at the Water Plant, phone number is **235-6789**.

The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards but the Minnesota Department of Health has determined that one or more of the sources of water is potentially susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call **651-201-4700** or **1-800-818-9318 (and press 5)** during normal business hours. Also, you can view it online at [www.health.state.mn/divs/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn/divs/water/swp/swa).

### COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 the 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 AT 800-426-4791.

*Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.*

