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TOLLESON'S DRINKING WATER CONTINUES TO MEET HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS

Tolleson – March 15, 2017 Tolleson's Drinking Water Continues to Meet Health and Safety Standards. The City of Tolleson routinely tests the water that is produced, disinfected, and distributed to water customers to guarantee that it meets (and/or exceeds) all the applicable health and safety standards. Annual reports are produced to summarize the results of monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and yearly tests required by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Some are set at the state and county level. According to Tolleson Utilities Director, Mark Berrelez "Our department's mission is to ensure that we are consistently providing high quality drinking water. We also strive to supply reliable and affordable services to all of our customers. Our staff continuously achieves these objectives through hard work and dedication." Mayor Anna Tovar stated with certainty that "The City of Tolleson is proud to deliver safe water to all of our users. We will continue to assist the Tolleson High School District to ensure our students have the best quality of water available."

The City of Tolleson has two major sources of water, ground water and purchased City of Phoenix water. The ground water is collected through a series of wells that tap the aquifer underlying Tolleson. Each well goes through a treatment process of electro-dialysis reversal osmosis (EDR). In the final stage of water treatment, a small quantity of disinfectant, sodium hypo-chlorite, is added to kill bacteria that may be in the water. The second source consists of two connections to the City of Phoenix's potable water system, which accounted for 88% of Tolleson's total drinking water in 2015.

Mr. Berrelez states that "the City of Tolleson's water supply has consistently tested below minimum acceptable lead levels since 1997, when the City began sampling for lead under the Lead/Copper Rule. Currently, sampling and testing for lead in the Public Water System occurs every three (3) years. The City has maintained compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations." A record of the City's annual Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR's) can be viewed on the City's Website (www.tollesonaz.org).

If you have questions about the quality of drinking water provided by the City of Phoenix, they can be reached at (602) 262-6251. Additionally if you have questions regarding the City of Tolleson's water department they can be contacted at (623) 936-3381.

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