

# Media Release

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## BOPU releases water quality report

**CHEYENNE, WY** –The City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (BOPU) published the results of water quality monitoring conducted last year in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The results are summarized in a report called the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report.

According to the report, Cheyenne’s drinking water continues to be safe and water quality meets or exceeds federal and local drinking water standards. Or, in other words, Cheyenne’s drinking water is better than the drinking water standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

What makes Cheyenne’s drinking water safe? To begin, Cheyenne has excellent water sources. Cheyenne’s drinking water comes from mountain streams in the Medicine Bow Mountain Range west of Laramie and from the Laramie Mountain Range west of Cheyenne. About 30 percent of Cheyenne’s water comes from wells in the High Plains Aquifer. These water sources are protected by multiple agencies, including the EPA, U.S. Forest Service, State Engineer’s Office, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Wyoming State Parks, Laramie County Conservation District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the BOPU.

While Cheyenne enjoys excellent water sources, ultimately, drinking water is safe because BOPU employees protect it and make it safe. Water department crews monitor and protect water quality at water sources, during water treatment, while it is in mains and at homes and businesses. There is never a time when crews are not watching over Cheyenne’s drinking water. At least two water treatment plant operators monitor Cheyenne’s water system and the treatment processes that make the water safe to drink 24 hours a day, every day.

The BOPU will insert a copy of the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report with bills issued during May. Customers can also get a copy of the report by visiting the BOPU at 2416 Snyder Avenue or online at [www.cheyennecity.org/ccr](http://www.cheyennecity.org/ccr).

The report, also known as a Water Quality Annual Report, is a federally mandated report with required information about where Cheyenne’s water comes from and how the treated water compares to the federal rules regarding drinking water quality.

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