Monticello Water Treatment Plant



Raw Concentrations for Manganese and Iron						
Parameter	Unit	Well No. 1	Well No. 2	Well No. 3	Well No. 4	Well No. 5
Total Manganese	mg/L	693	720	810	769	435
Total Iron	mg/L	Not Detected	96.6	785	333	285

- The City's 5 municipal wells (currently serving 14,000+ people) exceed maximum recommended manganese levels for infants, children, & adults.
- MN Department of Health (MDH) recommends a manganese limit of 100 ug/L infants & 300 ug/L for adults.
 The city's water is up to 8 times higher than the infant recommendation. MDH estimates that only 3% of Minnesota's cities currently exceed this standard.
- Exposure to high levels of manganese can cause children and adults to develop problems with memory, attention, & motor skills. Babies under the age of one can develop long term learning and behavior problems. (MDH)
- The City's groundwater also has elevated levels of iron exceeding the EPA's recommendations.
- Removal of iron & manganese requires installation of a water treatment plant at an estimated cost of approximately \$28 million.
- State funding will expedite construction and facilitate reduction of iron and manganese for the public.
- Without funding support, utility rates would drastically increase for construction & operation of a water treatment plant, creating a hardship for many of our residents.



