Your drinking water is brought to your home by Spokane, WA 99212-7001 Spokane County Water District #3 weekly on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am. Every drop of water delivered to your tap is clean and safe Spokane County and is dedicated to making sure that SCWD#3 operates 8 independent water systems in 2011. Our water sources for the future is a priority for the District. Replacing aging or leaking pipes and pumps, and planning for growth are just some of the responsibilities of the District. SCWD#3 strives to be a good steward of the aquifer and your water system. Year round water quality monitoring, replacing aging or leaking pipes and pumps, and planning for growth are just some of the responsibilities of the District. In order to ensure that your water is clean and safe, we test for contaminants all year long. The Department of Health and EPA prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Washington Department of Agriculture regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. We are proud to report that your water meets or exceeds all state and federal regulations. While some contaminants were found in the water, the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that your water is safe at these levels for you and your family. Keep in mind that the presence of contaminants doesn’t mean the water is unsafe. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. A person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect. Health related standards are set by the Washington State Department of Health. In addition to monitoring the quality of the water, SCWD#3 also works to make sure we are using water efficiently. We set water use efficiency goals for our system in 2008, updated them in 2015, and report our progress annually. SYSTEM LEAKAGE BELOW 10% BY 2020 The District did not meet the goal in 2017, however great progress has been made. Through aggressive leak detection and meter replacement, the District reduced its system leakage from 17.6% to 11.1%, a savings of over 2.5 million gallons! SCWD#3 now utilizes radio read technology which allows our operators to pull historical consumption information off of your meter. This data reading software out of high water consumption and provides the opportunity to map your water usage, any misuse of water, and of course indicate water leakage. To have your meter Data Logged, call the Water District office today. CONSERVATION ORIENTED RATE STRUCTURE SCWD #3 adjusted the second tier of the “inclining” rate structure in 2008 to provide an incentive for customers to reduce their water usage. Remember, the best way to help with this goal is reducing your irrigation usage. Saving water not only helps the aquifer and river, it saves energy needed to pump the water and it saves you money on your bills! RADON Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is common in the Spokane area. Exposure to excessive amounts of radon may increase cancer risk. Your drinking water, in most cases is a very small source of radon in indoor air. For local assistance concerning radon in your home, contact the Spokane County Health District at (509) 324-1560 ext. 5. Lead In Washington State, lead in drinking water comes primarily from materials and components used in household plumbing. The more time water has been sitting in pipes, the more dissolved metals, such as lead, it may contain. Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. To help reduce potential exposure to lead: for any drinking water tap that has not been used for 6 hours or more, flush water through the tap until the water is noticeably colder before using for drinking or cooking. You can use the flushed water for watering plants, washing dishes, or general cleaning. Only use water from the cold-water tap for drinking, and especially for making baby formula. Hot water is likely to contain higher levels of lead. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water is available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or online at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.
This report is provided to all of our customers. It describes your drinking water quality for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2017. Your water utility is committed to supplying safe water that meets or surpasses state and federal standards and achieves the highest standards of customer service.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence 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 (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-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 from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.