

City of Cambridge, Water Department
 250 Fresh Pond Parkway, Cambridge, MA 02138
 Monthly Water Quantity and Quality Report
 February 2010

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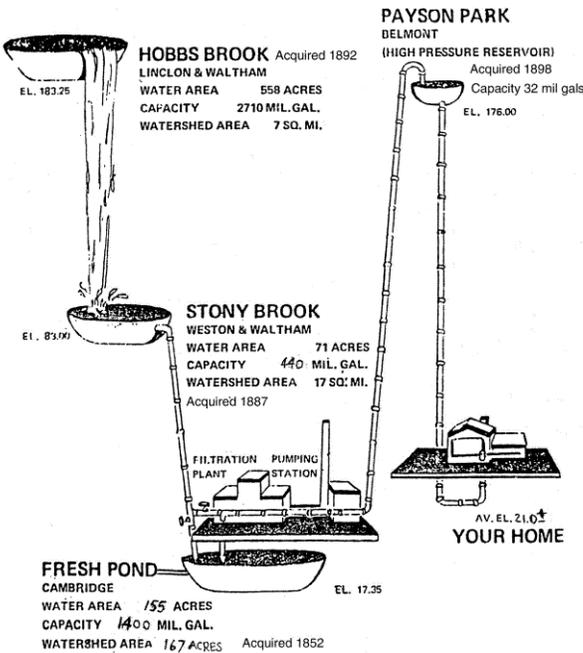
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**SOURCE of
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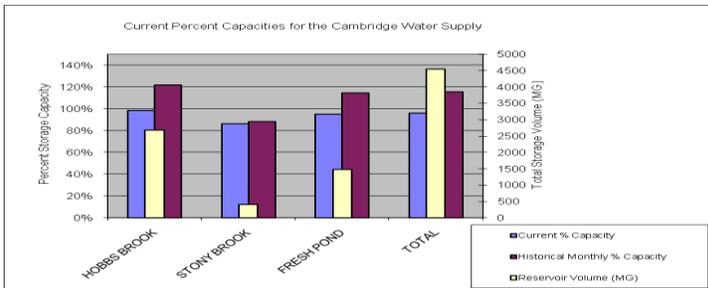
Water Supply

The Cambridge water supply system consists of four reservoirs and their tributaries located in Lexington, Waltham, Lincoln, Weston, Cambridge and Belmont. The two primary water sources, Hobbs Brook Reservoir and Stony Brook Reservoir, flow to the terminal reservoir, Fresh Pond, located in Cambridge, via the Stony Brook conduit. The water is then purified and pumped to Payson Park Reservoir, two 16 million gallon drinking water clearwells located in Belmont at a maximum elevation of 181 feet, where it is further disinfected with chloramines and distributed to the city by gravity. The largest of the reservoirs, Hobbs Brook, reaches its maximum elevation at 181.3 feet above sea level, its maximum depth at approximately 25 feet, and at full capacity, holds approximately 2.5 billion gallons of water. Stony Brook Reservoir reaches its maximum elevation at 80.6 feet above sea level, its deepest point is at approximately 35 feet, and at full capacity, it contains roughly 455 million gallons of water-revised 2009. Fresh Pond Reservoir reaches its maximum elevation at 17 feet above sea level, its maximum depth at 50 feet, and at full capacity, holds roughly 1.5 billion gallons.

While the Watershed's primary storage reservoir is Hobbs Brook, in the winter and spring months it is largely unused. Due to its vast size, and relatively small watershed, Hobbs Brook is slow to fill up. This winter hiatus is necessary for Hobbs to regain the water it uses in the summer months. Conversely, Stony Brook is relatively small compared to its large watershed and fills much faster than Hobbs Brook. Due to this condition, Stony Brook is used in place of Hobbs during the winter months. During times of high water flow, the Cambridge Watershed, via Stony Brook, overflows its surplus water into the Charles River.

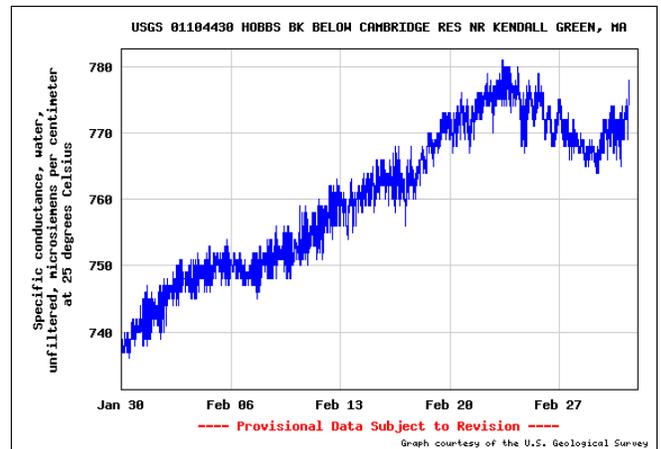
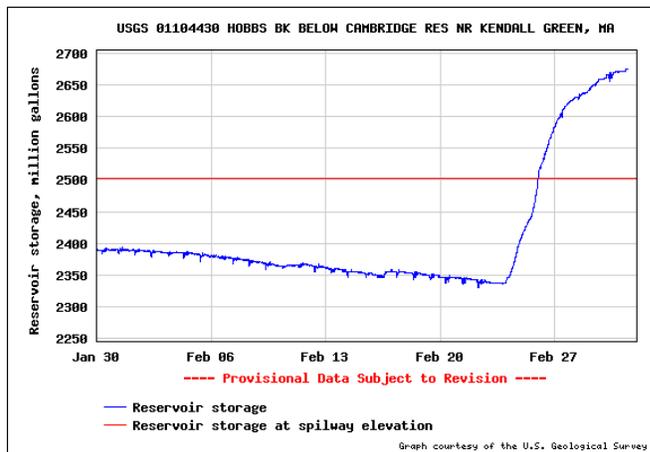
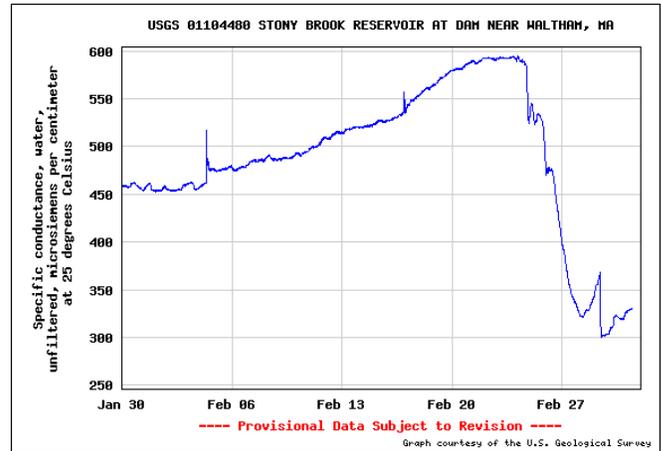
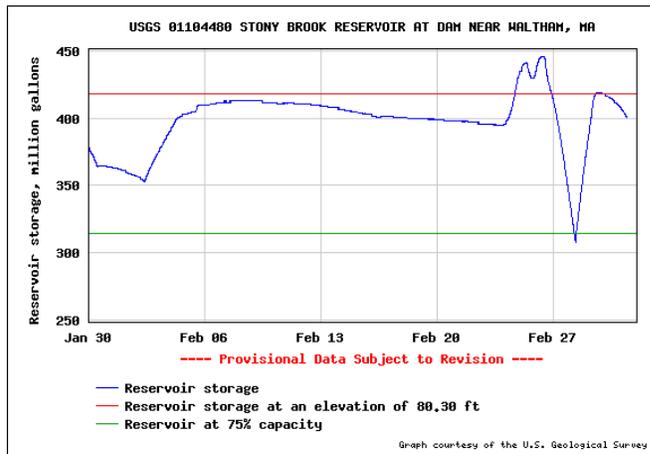
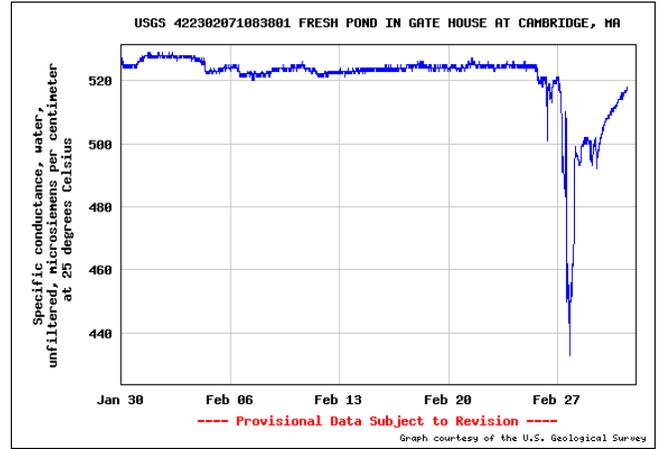
Current Conditions: (3/3/10)

The reservoir system is at 96% capacity. The reservoir system is currently at 116% of historical capacity for this time of year. Hobbs Brook Reservoir current storage volume is 2,674 Million Gallons (MG) or 98% and is over the spillway, Stony Brook Reservoir has a current storage volume is 401 MG or 86% and lowered to handle the excess water coming from Hobbs. Fresh Pond Reservoirs current storage volume is 1,474 MG or 95%. The average daily demand is 11.6 Million Gallons per Day (MGD). Days of supply remaining without recharge: 303 or 10 months.



Reservoir Water Specific Conductance

Reservoir storage levels



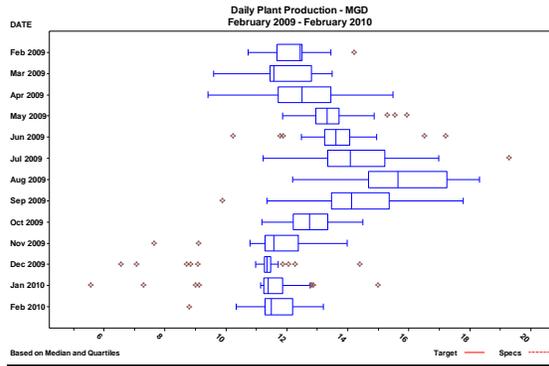
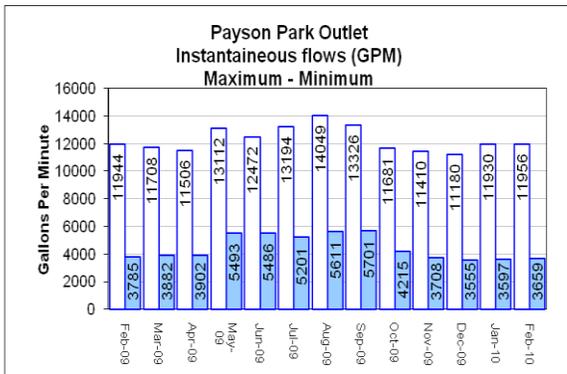
Water Demand

-Cambridge City Population: 101,355

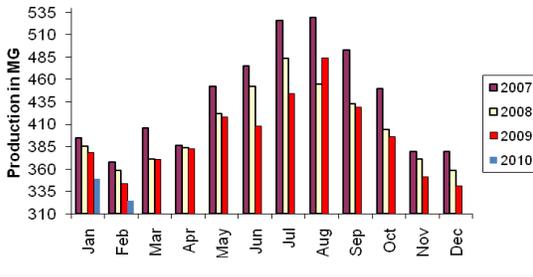
Million Gallons (MG) - Gallons per Minute (GPM)

Maximum instantaneous demand:
02/11/10 at 07:59 am: 11,896 GPM
Minimum instantaneous demand:
02/23/10 at 04:28 am: 3,659 GPM

Average daily water demand for 2010 (to date): 11.42 MG
Average daily water demand 2009: 13.00 MG
Average daily water demand February 2010: 11.61 MG
Average daily water demand February 2009: 12.27 MG
Monthly Water Demand February 2010: 325 MG
Monthly Water Demand February 2009: 344MG
Total water produced for 2010(to date): 674 MG
Total water produced for 2009: 4,748 MG



Monthly Plant Production



Source Water Quality

Hobbs Brook Reservoir at intake

E-Coli Bacteria-	Average: 0 CFU/100mL
TOC	Average: 4.1 mg/L
UV 254	Average: 0.141 A/cm
Alkalinity :	Average: 21 mg/L
Sodium	Average: 121 mg/L
Chloride	Average: 211 mg/L
Bromide:	Average: 0.108 mg/L
Turbidity-	Average: 0.66 NTU
Conductivity-	Average: 523umhos/cm
pH-	Average: 6.80

Stony Brook Reservoir at intake

Fecal Bacteria-	Average: 7 CFU/100mL
TOC	Average: 3.6 mg/L
UV 254	Average: 0.174 A/cm
Aluminum	Average: 0.045mg/L
Sodium	Average: 73 mg/L
Chloride	Average: 118 mg/L
Bromide	Average: 0.06 mg/L
Turbidity	Average: 1.3 NTU
Conductivity-	Average: 456 umhos/cm
pH-	Average: 6.88

Fresh Pond Reservoir at intake

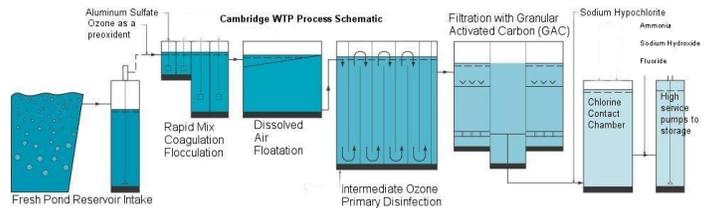
E-Coli Bacteria-	Average: 34 CFU/100mL
TOC	Average: 3.76 mg/L
UV254	Average: 0.131 A/cm
SUVA	Average: 3.5
Sodium	Average: 70 mg/L
Chloride	Average: 134 mg/L
Bromide	Average: 0.07 mg/L
Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	Average: 29.5 mg/L
Aluminum	Average: 0.033 mg/L
Turbidity-	Average: 0.65 NTU
Conductivity-	Average: 438umhos/cm
pH-	Average: 7.08
Temperature:	Average: 7°C

Cryptosporidium and Giardia

As part of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule monitoring Cambridge has collected 24 samples for *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* since February 2006. The monitoring is population based. Hence systems with populations >100,000 must collect 24 raw water samples over a two year period. The *Cryptosporidium* results are the basis for *bin assignment* on the Running Annual Average (RAA). Bin Classification: Systems with an RAA *Crypto* concentrations of <0.75 (Oo) cysts per liter are placed in Bin 1 for which no additional treatment is required. To date none of the samples have detected any *Cryptosporidium* and one sample out of 24 detected *Giardia* at 0.1 cysts/L.

Endocrine Disruptors, Pharmaceuticals, Personal Care Products

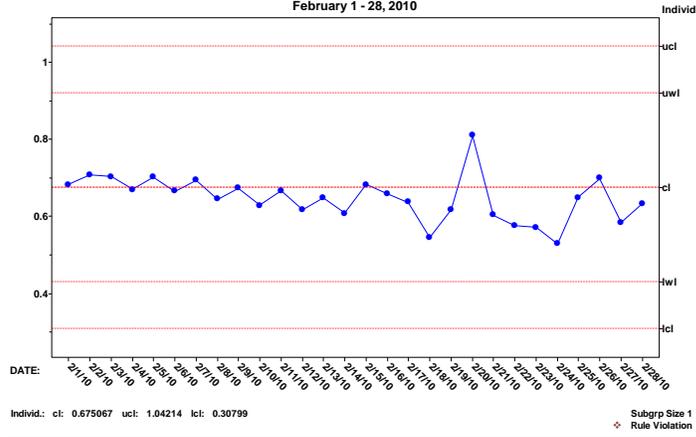
In response to the concern about the possibility of these unregulated compounds in municipal tap water, the Water Department tested the tap water in March 2008 for 86 compounds and did not detect any in the tap water. Follow up sampling in September 2008 detected the following compounds in the tap water: Acetaminophen at 0.019 micrograms per liter (ug/L) and Nicotine at 0.007 ug/L, Monitoring will continue twice a year. March 2009: Cotinine at 0.001 ug/L. September 2009: No Detects



Turbidity

Turbidity is a measure of suspended and colloidal particles including clay, silt, and inorganic matter, algae, and microorganisms. Turbidity is determined by a technique involving the measurement of light scattered at right angles in a water sample. The more of the source light that is scattered the more (the higher) the turbidity. The units of measurement for turbidity are Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU's).

Fresh Pond Reservoir Intake - Untreated Water Turbidity - NTU
February 1 - 28, 2010



Finished Water Quality

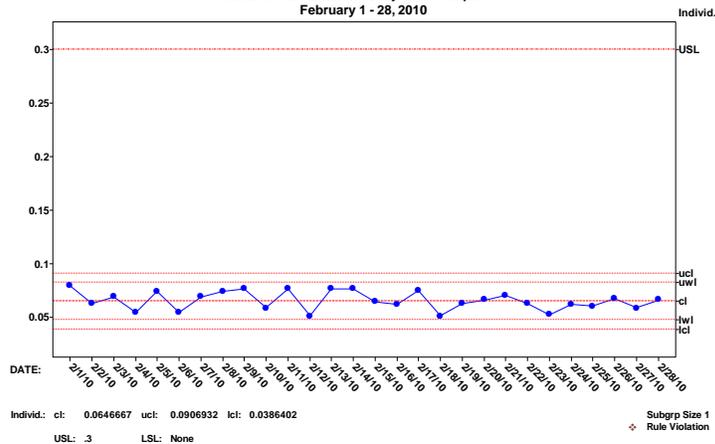
Turbidity

The Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR) establishes performance goals for finished water turbidity. The pretreatment turbidity goal is to be less than 1 NTU. A conventional filtration plant is considered in compliance if the filtered water turbidity is less than 0.3 NTU in 95 % of its samples.

Turbidity is measured through the treatment process as a measure of treatment effectiveness. In the watershed and in the reservoirs turbidity may indicate the presence of silt from storm events or the presence of algae. In the pretreatment e.g. rapid mix, flocculation, and Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) portion of the plant turbidity is used indicator of process efficiency. Turbidity of the filter effluent is used both as a process efficiency and regulatory indicator of performance.

The effects of turbidity depend on the nature of the matter that causes the turbidity. High levels of particulate matter may have higher chlorine demand or may protect bacteria from the disinfectant effects of ozone and chlorine, thereby interfering with the disinfectant residual throughout the distribution system. The turbidity through the cycle of each filter run is an indicator of the overall effectiveness of the filter process.

Combined Filter Effluent - Daily Grab Sample - NTU
February 1 - 28, 2010

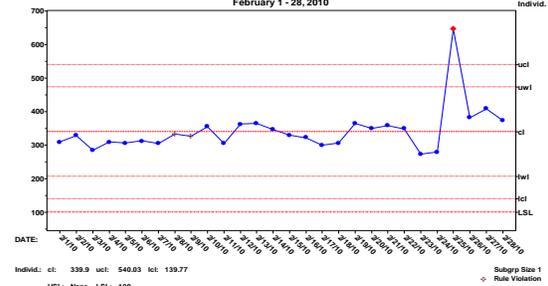


Primary Disinfection - Ozone

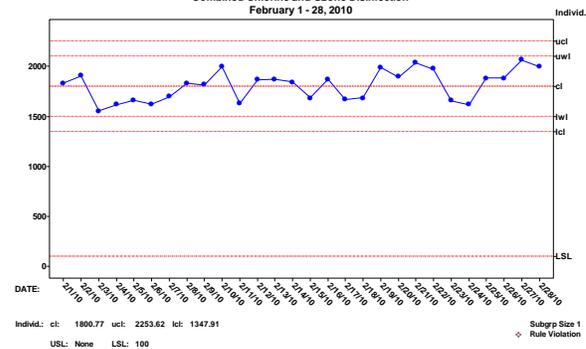
The CWD provides disinfection to achieve the EPA requirement for 99.9% inactivation of Giardia cysts and 99.99% inactivation of viruses in drinking water. Instead of measuring or counting Giardia and viruses, compliance is determined by a system operational standard, the measurement of the disinfection process. EPA has established a set of criteria for each disinfectant (ozone, free chlorine, and chloramines).

They are stated as CT values where C is concentration and T is time. The concentration C of the disinfectant in the water over time T yields a measure of the effectiveness of disinfection, CT. The required CT varies with the disinfectant type, water temperature, pH, and other factors. CWD measures CT in three places, intermediate ozone, free residual chlorine in the clearwell, and chloramines through the Payson Park Reservoir. The goal is to meet the minimum CT requirements with the intermediate ozone system at a concentration of 1.5 mg/L (milligram per liter) Ozone. The CT credited from the other two sources provides redundancy to the system. The following two graphs show the combined ozone and free chlorine CT.

Giardia CT Achievement
Combined Chlorine and Ozone Disinfection
February 1 - 28, 2010



Virus CT Achievement in Percent
Combined Chlorine and Ozone Disinfection
February 1 - 28, 2010



Secondary Disinfection - Chloramines

Regulations require a minimum of a 0.2 mg/L concentration of disinfectant throughout the distribution system. The higher values reflect the operational need for disinfection with free chlorine after the biological filters. A 15% solution of Sodium Hypochlorite is added at a concentration of 3.5 mg/L at the entrance the clearwell. The typical chlorine demand is approximately 1 mg/L this leaves a free residual chlorine concentration of 2.5 mg/L available for disinfection in the clearwell. It is this concentration of chlorine that's mixed with ammonia to create the level of chloramines measured as total residual chlorine using the HACH DPD Method.

Chloramination

The practice of adding ammonia to chlorinated water is called Chloramination. This process is recognized for taste and odor control to reduce the undesirable medicinal taste of chlorinated water. It was first used in Greenville, Tennessee in 1926. This process can contribute to taste and odor control problems if not properly controlled. The formation of di- and trichloramines species is minimized by controlling the chlorine and ammonia ratios (3 to 4:1). A 30 % solution of Ammonium Hydroxide is added at a concentration of 0.5 mg/L. CWD's target chlorine to ammonia ratio is 4.5:1

Total Organic Carbon(TOC) Survey															
CWD - TOC Removal Performance Summary															
Date	a. Raw mg/L	b. DAF Train 1 mg/L	DAF Train #1		DAF Train #2		Post-Ozone Train #1		Post-Ozone Train #2		f. Finished Water mg/L	In/Out Percent Removal Efficiency	Pretreatment Percent Removal Efficiency	Filter Percent Removal Efficiency	Alum dose mg/L
			1-b/a*100	c. DAF Train 2 mg/L	Percent removal efficiency	Percent removal efficiency	d. Filter Influent Train 1 mg/L	Percent removal efficiency	e. Filter Influent Train 2 mg/L	Percent removal efficiency					
2/2/2009	4.14	2.09	50	2.03	51	2.02	3.2	2.07	-1.8	1.63	61	51	9.7	33	
3/2/2009	3.97	2.27	43	2.11	47	2.03	10.4	2.05	2.8	1.75	56	51	4.6	25	
4/7/2009	3.52	1.78	49	1.79	49	1.76	1.0	1.79	-0.2	1.45	59	50	9.0	26	
5/7/2009	3.65	1.90	48	1.84	50	1.75	8.2	1.52	17.5	1.56	57	62	-4.3	26	
6/1/2009	3.69	1.97	47	1.98	46	1.94	1.4	1.91	3.5	1.63	56	49	6.8	33	
6/29/2009	3.54	1.82	48	1.88	47	1.70	7.0	1.73	8.0	1.49	58	55	2.7	30	
7/31/2009	3.77	1.81	52	1.80	52	1.69	6.7	1.69	5.9	1.41	63	58	4.3	27	
9/1/2009	3.80	1.81	52	2.01	47	1.56	13.8	1.50	25.4	1.36	64	69	-5.1	32	
9/29/2009	3.91	2.09	47	1.99	49	1.91	8.6	1.81	9.0	1.61	59	57	2.2	29	
10/19/2009	3.87	2.22	43	2.08	46	2.15	3.2	1.79	13.9	1.58	59	53	6.2	32	
11/30/2009	4.03	1.96	51	1.83	55	1.92	2.0	1.82	0.55	1.51	63	54	8.3	30	
12/31/2009	4.04	2.21	45	2.06	49	2.00	9.5	2.09	-1.5	1.62	60	51	8.7	31	
1/25/2010	4.07	2.13	48	2.16	47	2.05	3.8	2.12	1.9	1.63	60	50	9.8	27	
2/25/2010	3.75	2.00	47	1.96	48	1.87	6.4	1.91	2.5	1.50	60	52	8.3	26	
Average	3.8	2.0	47.9	2.0	48.9	1.9	6.1	1.8	6.5	1.6	59.5	54.7	4.8	29.3	

Units: Milligrams per Liter(mg/L)

Percentages do not add up to 100%

TOC samples a grab samples taken across the plant at a single time and not a single cohort of water

SUVA means the UV absorption at 254 nanometers (measured in 1/meters) divided by the dissolved organic carbon concentration (measured in mg/L).

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Massachusetts Certification Number M-MA149

		Monthly Average Chlorine Residual (mg/L)	Monthly minimum Chlorine Residual (mg/L)	Samples tested for Coliform	Total samples Coliform positive	Percent Total samples Coliform positive	Fecal Coliform positive	Public Notification required
2009	February	2.09	1.94	100	0	0	0	no
	March	2.08	1.93	100	0	0	0	no
	April	2.06	1.89	100	0	0	0	no
	May	2.05	1.86	100	0	0	0	no
	June	2.21	1.93	100	0	0	0	no
	July	2.15	1.88	100	0	0	0	no
	August	2.02	1.48	100	0	0	0	no
	September	2.27	1.80	100	0	0	0	no
	October	2.30	1.78	100	0	0	0	no
	November	2.07	1.68	100	0	0	0	no
	December	2.00	1.60	100	0	0	0	no
	2010	January	1.91	1.71	100	0	0	0
February		2.01	1.97	100	0	0	0	no

Plant Discharge Permits

Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) Toxic Reduction And Control (TRAC) program regulates discharge to the sewer system. The TRAC program classifies CWD as a Significant Industrial User (SIU) and has three permits for discharge: 0101 Residuals, 0102 Laboratory, and 0103 Truck Wash.

The EPA regulates discharge of clarified backwash water to Fresh Pond under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Act

Parameter	Daily Maximum Limit - mg/L Report Max. #	Monthly	Monthly	Semi-annual	Semi-annual	Semi-annual	Semi annual	Quarterly
		Residuals - 0101	Residuals - 0101	Lab Waste - 0102	Lab Waste - 0102	Truck Wash - 0103	Truck Wash - 0103	NPDES 4th QTR 2009
		01/04/10	02/08/10	01/04/10	7/06/09	01/04/10	07/06/09	
Aluminum (NPDES)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	1.32
Cadmium	0.1	<0.002	<0.002	NR	NR	<0.005	<0.005	NR
Copper	1.5	0.11	0.16	<0.010	<0.010	0.026	0.028	NR
Chromium	1	0.018	0.028	NR	NR	0.006	<0.01	NR
Lead	0.2	0.010	0.022	<0.01	10	0.027	0.013	NR
Nickel	1	0.027	0.040	<0.025	<0.025	0.010	<0.025	NR
Silver	2	<0.002	<0.002	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Zinc	1	0.16	0.16	NR	NR	0.17	0.434	NR
Arsenic	0.5	0.052	0.016	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Selenium	5	0.031	0.031	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Antimony	10	<0.003	<0.003	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Mercury	Prohibited	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	<0.0002	NR
Total Residual Chlorine	Report Max.	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0.05
Total Suspended Solids	<=3%	0.32%	0.32%	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
TSS (NPDES)	50 (max)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	10
PH (NPDES)	8.5 (max)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	6.25
pH	5.5 - 10.5	6.32	6.2	7.52	7.56	8.02	7.66	NR
Cyanide	0.5	NR	NR	<0.005	<0.005	NR	NR	NR
Total Fats, Oil & Grease	<= 300	NR	NR	NR	NR	3.5	18	NR
Flow - Gallons/Day	1.0 MGD NPDES Reg.	29,642	34,500	88	32.5	22	50	0.50 MG
TTO (VOC)	Any analyte not to exceed 1 mg/L	NR	NR	NR	NR	All < 1mg/L	All < 1 mg/L	NR
TTO (ABN)	Any analyte not to exceed 1 mg/L	NR	NR	NR	NR	All < 1mg/L	All < 1mg/L	NR

NR= Not Required

CWD Monthly Water Quality Analysis

COMPARISON OF CAMBRIDGE TAP WATER With EPA & STATE STANDARDS							
PARAMETER	Cambridge mg/L	Primary (Health Related) Maximum Contaminant Level(MCL) mg/L	Secondary (Aesthetic Related) MCL mg/L	PARAMETER	Cambridge mg/L	Primary (Health Related) Maximum Contaminant Level(MCL) mg/L	Secondary (Aesthetic Related) MCL mg/L
Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	43			Magnesium	4.35		
Aluminum	0.037		0.05-0.2	UV254 A/cm	0.033		
Arsenic	<0.0005	0.05		Manganese	0.012		0.05
Barium	0.037	2		Mercury	<0.0001	0.002	
Cadmium	<0.0005	0.005		Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	0.531		
Calcium	20.9						
Chloride	137.7		250	pH	9.04		
Chlorine, Free	0.01	4.0 MRDL+		Selenium	<0.0005	0.05	
Chlorine, Total	2.68	4.0 MRDL+		Silver	<0.00015		0.1
Chromium	0.001	0.1		Sodium	84.6		
Color	1		15 color units	Specific Conductance, umhos/cm @25C	506		
Copper	0.002	1.3		Standard Plate Count	0	500 C.F.U./1ml *	250
Dissolved Solids, Total	358		500	Sulfate	26.5		
Fluoride	1.14	4		Total Coliform	0	0 C.F.U./100ml	
Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	52			Total Haloacetic acids	7.6	60 ug/L (four quarter avg.)	
Iron	0.03		0.3	Total Trihalomethanes	6.3	80 ug/L (four quarter avg.)	
Saturation Index (SI)	-0.01			Turbidity	0.049	0.5 N.T.U filtered, 1.0	5
Lead	0	0.015		Zinc	<0.001		
+ MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level				* C.F.U./1ML = Colony Forming Units per 1 milliliter			
Hardness in grains per gallon = 3				CWD FINISHED WATER SAMPLE COLLECTED:2/03/10			
NA = Not Analyzed				Analyzed by Cambridge Lab.			