

# Media Release

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## BOPU releases water quality report

**CHEYENNE, WY** – Access to reliable, safe drinking water is essential to a community's health, vitality and economy. According to the City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities' (BOPU) 2015 Consumer Confidence Report, the BOPU shares the news that Cheyenne continues to have safe drinking water.

The Consumer Confidence 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. The BOPU publishes the results annually.

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. About 70 percent of 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. Around 30 percent of Cheyenne's water comes from groundwater wells. These water sources are protected by multiple agencies, including the EPA, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming 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 and delivery. 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.

A copy of the 2015 Consumer Confidence Report has been sent to our customers for review. You 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).

If you have questions about this regarding this email or the consumer confidence report please contact Clint Bassett, Water Treatment Division Manager, at 307-635-7693.

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