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### City Clarifies Water Compliance with Federal Health-Based Standards

**ROCKFORD, ILL.** –The City of Rockford Water Division has issued clarification following a recent social media feed regarding drinking water contaminants detected under the EPA’s Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) program. The feed, which was posted on Facebook, Monday, July 31, 2017, may have left readers with the impression that City water being provided to customers is unsafe and not in compliance with EPA drinking water standards.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) amendments of 1996 provide for the additional monitoring and scientific vetting of unregulated contaminants known, or suspected to occur, in public water systems (PWS). This rule, known as UCMR, provides the EPA with an occurrence data set used as a primary source in the development and promulgation of regulatory decisions for emerging drinking water contaminants. To that end, the City of Rockford Water Division is an active participant in UCMR sampling, and is required to report monitoring results when unregulated contaminants are detected via the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – the most recent CCR report, and a video outlining the water process, can be accessed on the City’s website at [www.rockfordil.gov](http://www.rockfordil.gov).

Water being provided by the City of Rockford is safe, and in compliance with all state and federal regulatory standards. The City of Rockford Water Division will continue to work hand-in-hand with regulating agencies to ensure the delivery of safe, plentiful, and desirable drinking water to our community.

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