

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **RELEASE OF TESTING RESULTS FOR JFK POOL, TELL CITY, IN**

As a result of recent complaints regarding water quality and other issues at the JFK municipal swimming pool in Tell City, Indiana, the City of Tell City wishes to release water testing data and related information regarding the efforts of City personnel to provide a safe and enjoyable Summer diversion for the citizens of Tell City, as well as any other guests who may visit the JFK swimming pool, as the city has traditionally done for more than 50 years.

The City performs daily water quality tests, administered by City employees, as well as weekly certified tests performed by Jasper Gas and Water in Jasper, Indiana every Monday during the season when the pool is open. The results of the most recent testing indicated that all chemical readings were at recommended levels. It is suggested that chlorine be maintained between 2 and 4 parts per million. Test results at JFK pool showed chlorine levels between 2 and 3 parts per million. ORP levels (an electrical measure of chlorine sanitizing effectiveness) are recommended to be no less than 650. ORP levels at JFK pool were 738. PH levels are recommended to be between 7.4 and 7.6. PH levels at JFK pool were at 7.4. Total Alkalinity is recommended to be between 80 and 120. Total Alkalinity at JFK pool is 80.

The attached Total Coliform/Groundwater Rule Reporting form, based upon samples collected July 15, 2019, confirms that chlorine levels remain at optimal levels of 3.4 parts per million, and further indicates that Coliform, the bacteria commonly associated with E. coli, is absent, and that the Heterotrophic plate count, a count of potential bacterial colony forming units in water, was at a level of 6 colony forming units per milliliter (CFU/mL). A reading of 100 CFU/mL is considered high, and reading of 250 CFU/mL is considered dangerous. A reading of 6 requires no corrective treatment.

City officials have been advised by the organizations and individuals that perform daily and weekly testing for JFK pool that water conditions are optimal and safe for swimmers. The City is unable to comment on any medical conditions that swimmers may suffer, whether from possible allergic reactions to the standard chemicals used to maintain the JFK pool, or reactions to other exposures that swimmers may have had at other locations, but the City is confident that the water at JFK pool meets all safety recommendations and criteria as required by any and all State and local regulations.