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TMWA Says Despite National Study, Our Drinking Water Is Perfectly Safe

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RENO, NV - Arsenic, pesticides, industrial chemicals, even dry cleaning solvents. All of these are substances the "Environmental Working Group" says can be found right here, in our local drinking water. The national non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. just released results from a study that claims Reno's water is some of the unhealthiest in the nation.

TMWA officials are calling the report inaccurate, irresponsible, and offensive. They say our drinking water here in the Truckee Meadows is and always has been not only safe to drink, but way above standards.

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85 percent of our drinking water comes straight from the Truckee River itself. That's why a report from the Environmental Working Group may have been so surprising to locals. EWG officials claim that Reno's water is contaminated with at least eight different chemicals, three of which violate health guidelines.

So why is it that locals seem so happy with the water they drink? Gym-goers at Sports West Athletic Club are guzzling it down.

"It's amazing, it's really good," who filled a bottle from the tap after her workout.

And Buckbean brewmaster Dan Kahn says nearly 90 percent of his beer is made with local H2O, a risk he says he wouldn't take if he thought it was unsafe. In fact, he says he's had the water tested himself and found it right in line with EPA standards.

"I've been a lot of places in this country and always thought this was the best-tasting municipal water I've ever had," said Kahn.

And just to prove it's safe to drink, TMWA employees gathered for a gulp of it, saying our local water has never had a single violation under EPA water standards. They monitor 1,000 samples of water per month, just to make sure. And when they're thirsty, they drink straight from the tap.

"We drink the water everyday. The water is safe on a continuous basis. Don't feel because of this report that there is any risk to your health," said Paul Miller, TMWA Water Quality Manager.

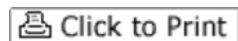
The Nevada EPA is also on TMWA's side. In a statement released today, it says the EWG report has some major holes in it. While the report claims our water is fifth-worst in the US, EPA officials say it's above federal standards, and in many people's opinion--some of the best water in the nation.

State officials say the non-profit group, EWG who released the report, may have had a hidden agenda when they said our water was unhealthy. According to the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the EWG gets financially compensated every time someone buys a water filter.

To check out our water standards for yourself, go to: www.tmh20.com or call 775-834-8118.

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