

Bedrock Water Quality Map

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Uranium Probability

This map is intended to compliment the USGS Scientific Investigations Report 2011-5013, Arsenic and Uranium in Water from Private Wells Completed in Bedrock of East-Central Massachusetts: Concentrations, Correlations with Bedrock Units, and Estimated Probability Maps. That report presents the results of a statistical study of bedrock water quality based primarily on 478 samples from private wells. This is a relatively small number of samples for such a large and diverse study area. The confidence intervals around probabilities used here are broad. Users are urged to carefully read the original report.

The geologic map underlying this work is at a scale of 1:250,000 or about 4 miles per inch. Although presented on a two dimensional map, bedrock geology is a three dimensional phenomenon. Contact zones almost never go straight down. Because this town map is at a much larger scale than the original, the necessity of presenting 3D geology in only two dimensions, and the wide confidence intervals in the statistical analysis, users should interpret this map as a general indicator of expected water quality. The only way to be sure of the quality of water in any given well is to have that water tested.

% Probability of Exceeding the Public Drinking Water Standard of 30 Micrograms per liter (30 PPB)	City/Town Statistics	
	Acres	Percent
<= 1.0%	8996.8	88
1.1% to 4.7%	0	0
4.8% to 13.0%	0	0
13.1% to 25.4%	0	0
Granite/Pegmatite*	0	0
No Data	1232.3	12
Total	10229.1	

* Areas mapped as granite and pegmatite are located outside of the USGS SIR 2011-5013 study area. Although no precise uranium probability values exist for these bedrock units, these types of bedrock generally have an increased probability of containing naturally occurring radionuclides such as radium, uranium, or radon in well water at concentrations exceeding public drinking water limits.

MAP LEGEND

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| Pond, Lake or Ocean | Town Halls | Cemetery |
| Reservoir | Fire Stations | Convention Center |
| Fresh Water Wetlands | Local Police Station | Court House |
| Cranberry Bog | State Police Station | Field - Playground |
| Salt Water Wetlands | County Sheriff Station | Fish Hatchery |
| Perennial Stream; Shoreline | Public School | Golf Course |
| Intermittent Stream | Private School | Industrial Park |
| Intermittent Shoreline | Charter School | Lighthouse |
| Ditch/Canal | Collaborative Program School | Marina |
| Aqueduct | Special Education School | Monument |
| Dam | Private College | Museum |
| Pipeline | Public College | Park |
| Powerline | Libraries | Parking Lot |
| Active Rail Lines | Hospital with ER | Pier - Wharf |
| Limited Access Highway | Hospital | Places of Worship |
| Multi-lane Hwy, Not Limited Access | Nursing Home | Post Office |
| Other Numbered Highway | Prison | Public Pool |
| Major Road, Collector | MBTA Station | Shopping Center |
| Minor Road, Ramp | Airports | Ski Area |
| MA Town Boundary | MA Interstate Boundary | Sports Facility |
| MA Interstate Boundary | County Boundaries | Theater |
| County Boundaries | DEP Region Boundary | Tower |
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Contour Interval 3 Meters
Mass StatePlane NAD83 Coordinates shown in RED

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FALLS WITHIN THE
MassDEP WESTERN Region



Map Location

Map Scale 1:14000



1 inch = 1,167 feet 1 inch = 356 meters

DATA SOURCES
TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOURS: MassGIS, 1:5,000, 3 Meter contour elevations, generated from digital ortho DTMs.
WETLANDS: Mass Resource Mapping Project (MRMP)/USGS/MA DEP/MassGIS, Source Scale 1:12,000 to 1:40,000. Wetland information shown on this map consists of several wetlands datasets, including the DEP Orthophoto Wetlands (1:12,000) and USGS Hydrology wetlands (1:25,000).
GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES: USGS/MassDEP, USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) features extracted to parcel data or orthophoto. Hydrography names taken from USGS NED features and placed using Maplex.
HYDROGRAPHY: USGS/MassGIS, 1:25,000 or less. Hydrography from the USGS National Hydrography Database except within public water supply watersheds where the resolution is approximately 1:10,000.
POLITICAL_BOUNDARIES: MassGIS. This political boundary dataset has been created from latitude and longitude coordinates found in the DEP Orthophoto Wetlands (1:12,000) and USGS Hydrology wetlands (1:25,000).
ROADS: Mass Department of Transportation 1:5000. Road centerlines aligned with 1:50000 OrthoPhotos. Attributes from DOT roads database.
TRAINS AND TRANSLINES: Mass Department of Transportation Trains @ 1:5000, Pipelines and Powerlines @ 1:25000.

This map is for illustrative purposes only. It represents the best statewide data available at the date of printing. There are other important natural resources that are not shown on this map because the digital spatial data do not exist.