

# What is Manganese?



Natural mineral that enters the Potomac River via runoff

**Not a health hazard**

Manganese can cause discoloration of water even at very small levels

**CURRENT WSSC LEVEL =  
0.01 mg/L – 0.02 mg/L**

Part of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Secondary Drinking Water Regulations for aesthetic reasons only

**EPA Secondary  
Limit = 0.05 mg/L**