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CALENDAR YEAR 2008 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT CERTIFICATION FORM

SPARTA WATER ASSOCIATION
Public Water Supply Name

0090010
List PWS ID #s for all Water Systems Covered by this CCR

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Date customers were informed: ___/___/___

☐ CCR was distributed by mail or other direct delivery. Specify other direct delivery methods:

Date Mailed/Distributed: ___/___/___

☒ CCR was published in local newspaper. ***(Attach copy of published CCR or proof of publication)***

Name of Newspaper: Chickasaw Journal

Date Published: 06/24/09

☐ CCR was posted in public places. ***(Attach list of locations)***

Date Posted: ___/___/___

☐ CCR was posted on a publicly accessible internet site at the address: www._____

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Robert B Wilson PRES
Name/Title (President, Mayor, Owner, etc.)

6-22-09
Date

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY CHICKASAW

Before the undersigned authority of said county and state, personally appeared before Lisa K. Vogler clerk of a public newspaper published in the City of Houston, County of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, called the Chickasaw Journal & Times-Post, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the publication of the notice hereto affixed has been made in said paper for 1 consecutive weeks, to-wit:

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Legal Ad Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed to this the 24 day of June, 2009 before me, the undersigned Notary Public of said County of Chickasaw.

By: _____
Notary Public

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Sparta Water Association
PWS ID# 0090010
June 2009

Is my water safe?
Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. Sparta Water vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard.

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Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range Low	Range High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.)								
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	4	NA		2008	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								

Antimony (ppb)	6	6	0.5	0.5	0.5	2008	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder; test addition.
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	0.712	0.5	0.712	2008	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.05861	0.045554	0.05861	2008	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
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Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	0.1	0.1	0.1	2008	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
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Mercury [Inorganic] (ppb)	2	2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2008	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.08	0.08	0.08	2008	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
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Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.1	2007	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
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Unit Descriptions	
Term	**Definition**
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Important Drinking Water Definitions	
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MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Sparta Water Association
PWS ID# 0080010
June 2009

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2008 CCR Contact Information

Date: 6/29/09 Time: 1:00

PWSID: 0090010

System Name: Sparta

Lead/Copper Language MSDH Message re: Radiological Lab

MRDL Violation Chlorine Residual (MRDL) RAA

Other Violation(s) _____

Will correct report & mail copy marked "**corrected copy**" to MSDH.

Will notify customers of availability of corrected report on next monthly bill.

Will do Corrected Copy and notify Customers of available report on the Water bill and send us a Copy

Spoke with Barry Dendy (662) 542-9536
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MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

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