

2008 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Southeast Greene Water Authority
PWS#: 0210012
June 2009

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FAX COVER PAGE

DATE: 7-27-09

TO: Jesse

FAX # 601-576-7822

FROM: Southeast Greene Water Authority

8175 HWY 68 NORTH

LUCEDALE, MS 39452

Fax # (601) 947-9776

Phone# (601) 947-9044

COMMENT:

Revised copy of Consumer
Confidence Report

Signed: W. R.

ACCOUNT NO.	SERVICE FROM	SERVICE TO	RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT TO:		PRESORTED FIRST-CLASS MAIL U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT NO. 42 LUCEDALE, MS
01-02840-0	06/22	07/24	SOUTHEAST GREENE WATER AUTHORITY 8175 HWY 83 N LUCEDALE, MS 39452		
SERVICE ADDRESS			PAY NET AMOUNT ON OR BEFORE DUE DATE	DUE DATE	PAY GROSS AMOUNT AFTER DUE DATE
253 RICHMOND RD				08/10/2009	
METER READINGS			NET AMOUNT		GROSS AMOUNT
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	USED	39.69	3.97	43.66
1145460	1139380	6080	CHARGE FOR SERVICES		

CORRECTED CDR AVAILABLE AT OFFICE
DISCONNECT DATE: AUGUST 17, 2009

WATER 38.69
 SURCHARGE 1.00
 NET DUE >>> 39.69
 SAVE THIS >> 3.97
 GROSS DUE >> 43.66

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 R L DENMARK
 253 RICHMOND RD
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BUREAU OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY
CALENDAR YEAR 2008 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT
CERTIFICATION FORM

Southeast Greene Water Authority
Public Water Supply Name

210012
List PWS ID #s for all Water Systems Covered by this CCR

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires each *community* public water system to develop and distribute a consumer confidence report (CCR) to its customers each year. Depending on the population served by the public water system, this CCR must be mailed to the customers, published in a newspaper of local circulation, or provided to the customers upon request.

Please Answer the Following Questions Regarding the Consumer Confidence Report

Customers were informed of availability of CCR by: *(Attach copy of publication, water bill or other)*

- Advertisement in local paper
- On water bills
- Other _____

Date customers were informed: 6/24/09

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: Greene County Herald

Date Published: 6/24/09

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

Date Posted: 6/24/09 S.G.W.A. - office

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a consumer confidence report (CCR) has been distributed to the customers of this public water system in the form and manner identified above. I further certify that the information included in this CCR is true and correct and is consistent with the water quality monitoring data provided to the public water system officials by the Mississippi State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply.

Wayne Barrow
Name/Title (President, Mayor, Owner, etc.)

6-24-09
Date

Mail Completed Form to: Bureau of Public Water Supply/P.O. Box 1700/Jackson, MS 39215
Phone: 601-576-7518

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF GREENE

Personally appeared before me, the authority, in and for the State and County aforesaid, GEORGE R. TURNER, who being duly sworn, on his oath deposes and states that he is the owner/publisher of the Greene County Herald, a newspaper published in the Town of Leakesville, County of Greene, State of Mississippi, and having a general circulation in Greene County, Mississippi,

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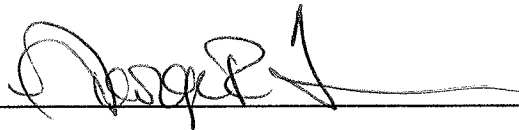
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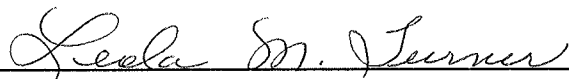
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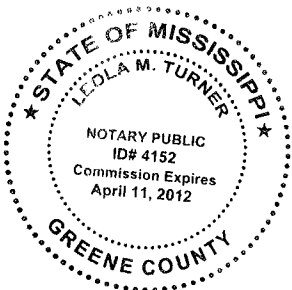
EDITOR

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 25th day of June, A.D., 2009



Notary Public

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PWSID: 210012

System Name: Southeast Grease

Lead/Copper Language

MSDH Message re: Radiological Lab

MRDL Violation

Chlorine Residual (MRDL) RAA

Other Violation(s) Total Coliform Rule (MCL) Jan 2008
Not in Data Table and Health Effects Language Required

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 CORRECTED
 _____ REPORT ON WATER BILL OR LETTER
 _____ AND SEND US A COPY. Not sure if they
 _____ will do letters or Water Bill for
 _____ customers notification.

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Spoke with Debbie Harper 601 947-9776 Fax
 (Operator, Owner, Secretary)
Prayer Polkey 601 394-8177