MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BUREAU OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

CALENDAR YEAR 2009 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT CERTIFICATION FORM

CITY OF GULFPORT
Public Water Supply Name

0240003&0240008
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
- X On water bills
- Other insert with water bills

Date customers were informed: 05 / 28 / 10 , 06/10/10 , 06/18/10

☐ 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:

Date Published: / /

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

Date Posted: / /

X CCR was posted on a publicly accessible internet site at the address: wwwgulfport-ms.gov

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.

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

6/22/10
Date

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

2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report – Corrective Copy
City of Gulfport
PWS#: 240003 & 240008
May 2010

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PWS ID #:0240003 TEST RESULTS

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Microbiological Contaminants								
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	Y	May June	Positive	4 6	NA	0	presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
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Disinfection By-Products								
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82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2008*	20.74	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine	N	2009	.93	.46 – .93	ppm	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HARRISON
CITY OF GULFPORT

I, Mike Necaise, City Clerk of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Consumer Confidence Report regarding water quality within the City of Gulfport for the period of 2009, said report mailed to all city water customers on the their regular cycle billing date in May or June, which was either May 28, 2010 or June 18, 2010.

Witness my signature and seal of the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, this the 22nd day of June, 2010.

(SEAL)

Mike Necaise

MIKE NECAISE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

Rebecca Mason

From: Jennifer Berry
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 10:22 AM
To: Rebecca Mason
Cc: Mary Collins; Cheree Cuevas
Subject: RE: Water Wells
Attachments: image001.png

The CCR Report was mailed out 05/28/10, 06/10/10 and 06/18/10

Jennifer Berry

Billing Supervisor

City of Gulfport – Southwest Water Co

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Gulfport, Ms 39501

jberry@gulfport-ms.gov

Phone: 228-868-5720 fax: 228-868-5732

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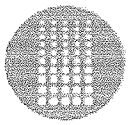

SouthWest Water Company

From: Rebecca Mason
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 9:48 AM
To: Jennifer Berry
Subject: Water Wells

Jennifer,

Has the last billing gone out? If so can you send an e-mail out and CC Mary Collins.
Thank You

Rebecca Mason
SWWC
Water Well Manager
rmason@gulfport-ms.gov

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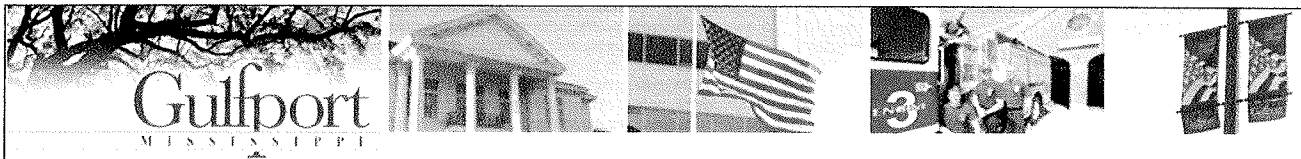

Government - City of Gulfport, MS

Public Works

The Department of Public Works maintains water, sewer, solid waste, storm collection, storm drainage, and flood control services. These services and facilities protect the health and safety of the public, contribute to economic development, and improve the quality of life in our city.

4050 Hewes Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39507
Phone: (228) 868-5740

Services:

- Streets and Drainage
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- Traffic Safety
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