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2010 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
 Hiwannee Water Association, Inc.
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We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is from wells drawing from the Lower Wilcox Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identified potential sources of contamination. The general susceptibility rankings assigned to each well of this system are provided immediately below. A report containing detailed information on how the susceptibility determinations were made has been furnished to our public water system and is available for viewing upon request. The wells for the Hiwannee Water Association have received a lower susceptibility ranking to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Sarah Doby at 601-735-5249. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Thursday of the month at 8:30 AM at 929 Wayne Street, Waynesboro, MS 39367.

We routinely monitor for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2010. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2010, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of # of Samples Exceeding MCL/G	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contaminant	
16. Fluoride	N	2010	.397	.392 - .397	ppm		4	4	erosion of natural rock, discharge of acid mine water, and aluminum sulfate and aluminum sulfate deposits
17. Lead	N	2008*	2	0	ppb		AL=15	AL=15	Corrosion of household pipes, erosion of lead pipes, erosion of lead pipes, erosion of lead pipes, erosion of lead pipes
21. Selenium	N	2010	5.1	4.7 - 5.1	ppb		50	50	Discharge from petroleum refineries, natural deposits, mines

Volatile Organic Contaminants

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of # of Samples Exceeding MCL/G	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contaminant	
76. Xylenes	N	2010	.001	No Range	ppm		10	10	Discharge from petroleum refineries, chemical factories

Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of # of Samples Exceeding MCL/G	Unit	MCLG	MCL	By-Product of Disinfection	
81. HAAs	N	2010	.17	No Range	ppb		0	60	By-product of disinfection.
82. THM (Total Trihalomethanes)	N	2010	114	No Range	ppb		0	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine	N	2010	.91	.5 - 1	ppm		0	MDFL = 4	Water additive used to disinfect water.

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TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of # of Samples Exceeding MCL/G	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contaminant	
8. Arsenic	N	2010	2.3	No Range	ppb		n/a	10	Erosion of natural rock, discharge of acid mine water, and electronics products
10. Barium	N	2010	.029	No Range	Ppm		2	2	Discharge of other industrial processes
13. Chromium	N	2010	11	No Range	ppb		100	100	Discharge from steel mills, erosion of natural rock
14. Copper	N	2008*	.5	0	ppm		1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household pipes, erosion of household pipes, erosion of household pipes
16. Fluoride	N	2010	.649	No Range	ppm		4	4	Erosion of natural rock, discharge of acid mine water, and aluminum sulfate
17. Lead	N	2008*	2	0	ppb		0	AL=15	Corrosion of household pipes, erosion of household pipes, erosion of household pipes
21. Selenium	N	2010	9.6	No Range	ppb		50	50	Discharge from petroleum refineries, natural deposits, mines

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of # of Samples Exceeding MCL/G	Unit	MCLG	MCL	By-Product of Disinfection	
81. HAAs	N	2010	.20	No Range	ppb		0	60	By-product of disinfection.
82. THM (Total Trihalomethanes)	N	2010	129.23	No Range	ppb		0	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine	N	2010	.91	.5 - 1.5	ppm		0	MDFL = 4	Water additive used to disinfect water.

Disinfection By-Products

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of # of Samples Exceeding MCL/G	Unit	MCLG	MCL	By-Product of Disinfection	
81. HAAs	N	2010	.20	No Range	ppb		0	60	By-product of disinfection.
82. THM (Total Trihalomethanes)	N	2010	129.23	No Range	ppb		0	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Chlorine	N	2010	.91	.5 - 1.5	ppm		0	MDFL = 4	Water additive used to disinfect water.

* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2010.

(1) Inorganic Arsenic (HAAs). Some people who drink water containing bromate in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of cancer.
 (2) Total Trihalomethanes (THMs). Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience an increased risk of getting cancer.