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CALENDAR YEAR 2011 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT CERTIFICATION FORM

Alcorn State University

Public Water Supply Name

PWS ID # 110013

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 Alcorn State University Post Office

Date customers were informed: 06 / 28 / 2012

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

Date Mailed/Distributed: / / NA

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

Name of Newspaper: The Port Gibson Reveille

Date Published: 06 / 28 / 2012

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

Date Posted: 06 / 28 / 2012 (Alcorn State University Post 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.

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

06/29/2012
Date

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

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Water Quality Data Table

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Contaminant	Unit	Value	Range	Det. Date	Year
			Low High		

Table 2.1.1: Comparison of Drinking Water Quality Parameters with the National Drinking Water Quality Standards (NDWS) (2009)								
Parameter	NDWS	Actual	Permissible	Exceedance	Year	Compliance	Source	
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	6	NA	2011	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Chlorine (as Cl ₂) (ppm)	4	4	1.4	1.2	1.4	2011	No	Water additive used to control microbes
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	4	NA	2011	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection	
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.09913 2	NA	2011	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.233	NA	2011	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	0.8	NA	2011	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	0.02	NA	2011	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	
Antimony (ppb)	6	6	0.5	NA	2011	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder; test addition.	
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	0.5	NA	2011	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes	
Beryllium (ppb)	4	4	0.5	NA	2011	No	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries	
Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	0.5	NA	2011	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints	
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	4.54	NA	2011	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits	
Cyanide [as Free Cn] (ppb)	200	200	15	NA	2011	No	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories	

Mercury [Inorganic] (ppb)	2	2	0.5	NA	2011	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	2.5	NA	2011	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Thallium (ppb)	0.5	2	0.5	NA	2011	No	Discharge from electronics, glass, and Leaching from ore-processing sites; drug factories

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Appendix B: Maximum Contaminant Level Goals

PUBLISHER'S OATH

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Personally appeared before the undersigned NOTARY PUBLIC of said County, EMMA F. CRISLER, Publisher of The Reveille, a weekly newspaper, printed and published in the town of Port Gibson, in said county and state, who, being duly sworn deposes and says that said newspaper has been established for more than twelve months next prior to first publication mentioned below; and who further makes oath that publication of a notice, of which, the annexed is a copy, has been made in said paper consecutively, to wit:

On the 28th day of June, 2012
On the _____ day of _____, 2012
On the _____ day of _____, 2012
On the _____ day of _____, 2012

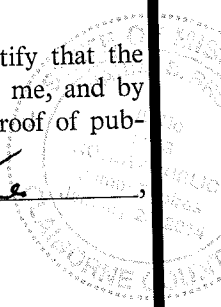
Emma F. Crisler, Publisher

And I, Corinda D. [Signature] do hereby certify that the papers containing said notice have been produced before me, and by me compared with the copy annexed, and that I find the proof of publication thereof to be correctly made.

Witness my hand and seal, this 28th of June, 2012

Corinda D. [Signature], Notary Public

Fees and proof of publication, \$ 319.00



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