

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY  
CCR CERTIFICATION FORM  
CALENDAR YEAR 2012

2013 MAY 31 AM 8:41

City of Calhoun City Water Dept.  
Public Water Supply Name

0070004

List PWS ID #s for all Community Water Systems included in this CCR

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) 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 or delivered to the customers, published in a newspaper of local circulation, or provided to the customers upon request. Make sure you follow the proper procedures when distributing the CCR. Since this is the first year of electronic delivery, we request you mail or fax a hard copy of the CCR and Certification Form to MSDH. Please check all boxes that apply.

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

- Advertisement in local paper (attach copy of advertisement)
- On water bills (attach copy of bill)
- Email message (MUST Email the message to the address below)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) customers were informed: 5 / 9 / 13 (paper) / , 6 / 1 / 13 (wtr. bills)

CCR was distributed by U.S. Postal Service or other direct delivery. Must specify other direct delivery methods used \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed/Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

CCR was distributed by Email (MUST Email MSDH a copy) Date Emailed: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

- As a URL (Provide URL \_\_\_\_\_)
- As an attachment
- As text within the body of the email message

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

Name of Newspaper: Calhoun Co. Journal

Date Published: 5 / 9 / 13

CCR was posted in public places. *(Attach list of locations)* Date Posted: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

CCR was posted on a publicly accessible internet site at the following address (DIRECT URL REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the 2012 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been distributed to the customers of this public water system in the form and manner identified above and that I used distribution methods allowed by the SDWA. 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.

J. R. Seal  
Name/Title (President, Mayor, Owner, etc.)

5-29-13  
Date

Deliver or send via U.S. Postal Service:  
Bureau of Public Water Supply  
P.O. Box 1700  
Jackson, MS 39215

May be faxed to:  
(601)576-7800

May be emailed to:  
Melanie.Yanklowski@msdh.state.ms.us

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TEST RESULTS								
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measure -ment	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2012	10	.4 - 10	pCi/L		0	15 Erosion of natural deposits
6. Radium 226 Radium 228	Y	2012	5.1	No Range	pCi/l		0	5 Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
8. Arsenic	N	2011*	2.1	1.7 - 2.1	ppb	n/a	50	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
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								from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2011*	.8	.7 - .8	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2009/11*	.3	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride**	N	2011*	1.77	.37- 1.77	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2009/11*	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
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20. Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	N	2011*	.14	No Range	ppm	1	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
21. Selenium	N	2011*	5.9	5.7 - 5.9	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Chlorine	N	2012	.6	.4-1.1	Mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

\* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2012.

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We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for combined radium. The standard for combined radium is 5 pCi/L (picocuries per Liter). Our results were 5.7 pCi/L. We have increased the frequency that we will test the water for combined radium. We are working with the MSDH to evaluate the water supply and are researching options to correct the problem.

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# Calhoun City Water Department Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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Calhoun City Water Department  
PNFS: 0070004  
April 2013

## Proof Of Publication

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
COUNTY OF CALHOUN

Personally came before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for Calhoun County, Mississippi, Joel McNece, Publisher of The Calhoun County Journal, a newspaper published in Bruce, Calhoun County, in said state, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that The Calhoun County Journal is a newspaper as defined and prescribed in Senate Bill No. 203 enacted at the regular session of the Mississippi Legislature of 1948, amending Section 1858 of the Mississippi Code of 1942, and the publication of a notice, of which annexed copy, in the matter of

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has been made in said newspaper one time, to-wit:

On the 09 day of MAY 2013

Joel McNece  
Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 09 day of MAY, 2013.

Lisa Denley McNece,  
Notary Public



My commission expires March 28, 2014

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ACCOUNT NO.	SERVICE FROM	SERVICE TO
04-0654500	04/25	05/25

**SERVICE ADDRESS**  
105 HILL STREET

CURRENT	METER READINGS	
	PREVIOUS	USED
2430	2411	19

**CHARGE FOR SERVICES**

WTR	10.00
SWR	6.00
GRB	14.00
NET DUE >>>	30.00
SAVE THIS >>	4.50
GROSS DUE >>	34.50

RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT TO:

**CALHOUN CITY WATER DEPARTMENT**  
P.O. BOX E  
CALHOUN CITY, MS 38916

PHONE  
628-8345

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PAY NET AMOUNT ON OR BEFORE DUE DATE	<b>DUE DATE</b> 06/15/2013	PAY GROSS AMOUNT AFTER DUE DATE
<b>NET AMOUNT</b>	<b>SAVE THIS</b>	<b>GROSS AMOUNT</b>
30.00	4.50	34.50

CCR REPORT AVAILABLE-CITY HALL

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

04-0654500  
QUAY WOLFE

105 HILL ST  
CALHOUN CITY MS 38916-7719

