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BUREAU OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY
CCR CERTIFICATION
CALENDAR YEAR 2013

Okatoma Water Association #1 & #2
Public Water Supply Name

MS 0640009 MS 0640022
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. **You must mail, fax or email a copy of the CCR and Certification to MSDH.** ***Please check all boxes that apply.***

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

- [x] 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: 5/7/14 , 5/7/14 , 5/8/14

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: The Magee Courier, The Smith County Reformer, The News Commerical
Date Published: 5/8/14 5/7/14 5/7/14

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**):

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the 2013 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.

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

6.3.14
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

2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Okatoma Water Association, Inc.
PWS#: 0640009 & 0640022
April 2014

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PWS ID # 0640009 **TEST RESULTS**

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Radioactive Contaminants

6. Radium 228	N	2012*	2.3	1.1 – 2.3	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants

10. Barium	N	2013	.041	.026 - .041	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
16. Fluoride**	N	2013	.61	.26- .61	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2011/13	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
19. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	2013	5.5	2.03 – 5.5	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection By-Products

Chlorine	N	2013	.9	.7 – 1.10	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

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Inorganic Contaminants

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Disinfection By-Products

82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2010*	7.49	2.27	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine	N	2013	1	.70 – 1.1	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

** Most recent sample. No sample required for 2013*

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THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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Signed Marsha Bratcher

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of May, 2014.

Notary Public

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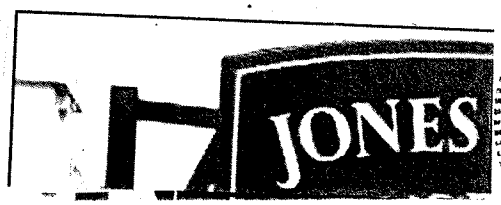

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Disinfection By-Products								
Chlorine	N	2013	.9	.7 – 1.10	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

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TEST RESULTS

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Radioactive Contaminants								
6. Radium 228	N	2012*	2.3	1.1 - 2.3	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2013	.041	.026 - .041	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal ref.; erosion of natural deposits
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17. Lead	N	2011/2013	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
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Disinfection By-Products								

Chlorine	N	2013	.9	.7- 1.10	mg/l	0	MDRLs=4	Water additive used to control microbes

PWS ID # 0640022 **TEST RESULTS**

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Disinfection By-Products								
82. TTHM (Total trihalomethanes)	N	2010*	7.49	2.27	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
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