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CCR CERTIFICATION  
CALENDAR YEAR 2013

SYLVARENA WATER ASSN.  
Public Water Supply Name

0650010  
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)*

- 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: 06/19/14 / /

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

Date Mailed/Distributed: 06/18/14

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: SMITH COUNTY REFORMER

Date Published: 06/18/14

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**):

**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.

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

6-19-14  
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.Yankowski@msdh.state.ms.us

# 2013 Sylvarena Water Association PWS#0650010 Annual Drinking Water Report

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## Where does my water come from?

Our water source is wells drilled in the Sparta Sands aquifer.

## Source water assessment and its availability

Our source water assessment is being conducted and is not available at this time. When complete, you will be notified and copies will be available at our office.

## Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

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## How can I get involved?

We value our customers and want them to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday night of each month at the Manager's residence, Linda Tullos, 205 SCR 101, Raleigh, MS 39153

## Monitoring and reporting of compliance data violations

During 2013, we received a violation for Failure to Report Corrective Actions related to a significant deficiency. The significant deficiency has been corrected and resolved and no further action is required.

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