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BUREAU OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY
CCR CERTIFICATION
CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Town of Walnut
Public Water Supply Name

700011
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: ____/____/____, ____/____/____

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: Southern Sentinel

Date Published: 6/24/15

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 2014 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.

Vicki A Skinner
Name/Title (President, Mayor, Owner, etc.)

6-24-15
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:
water.reports@msdh.ms.gov

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2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Town of Walnut
PWS#:700011
June 2015

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 providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. Our water source is from wells drawing from the Coffee Sand Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identify potential sources of contamination. 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 Town of Walnut have received a lower ranking in terms of susceptibility to contamination.

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TEST RESULTS

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				MCL/ACL/MRDL				
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Proof of Publication

The State of Mississippi Tippah County

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Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the undersigned

Tim Watson

who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the **SOUTHERN SENTINEL**, a newspaper published in the City of Ripley, in said County and State, and that the

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a true copy of which is hereto attached, was published for 1 consecutive weeks in said newspaper as follows:

VOLUME	NO.	DATE
137	17	6/24/2015

And further, that said newspaper has been published in Ripley, Tippah County, Mississippi for more than one year next preceding the first insertion of the above mentioned legal notice.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

24 DAY OF JUNE, 2015

Notary Public, Tippah County, Mississippi
My Commission expires: **05/05/2017**

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT SOUTH TIPPAH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The South Tippah School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2016 on June 22, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at The South Tippah School District Office. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered.

The South Tippah School District is now operating with a projected total budget revenue of twenty-three million seven hundred seventy-three thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars ($23,773,186.00). Of that amount, fifteen percent (15%) or three million six hundred thirty-eight thousand four hundred eleven dollars ($3,638,411.00) of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of twenty-four million seven hundred ninety-nine thousand eight hundred thirty-six dollars ($24,799,836.00). Of that amount, fifteen percent (15%) or three million eight hundred eighteen thousand six hundred twelve dollars ($3,818,612.00) is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by the South Tippah School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate.

Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of The South Tippah School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.