

Consumer Report

SPRINGHILL/WEST POPLARVILLE

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Notice of Annual Meeting of Members:

Dear Member;

The Annual Meeting of the Members of North Lumberton Utility will be held at the Utility Office on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 6:00 pm. We encourage all Members to attend. The following business will be acted upon along with any matters that come up on agenda.

- 1) Call meeting to order.
- 2) Counting and recording of ballots for election of Board of Directors.
- 3) Nomination and election of Officers.
- 4) Approval of minutes of the previous meeting and any reports from Officers.
- 5) Address any old business and new business.
- 6) Adjournment.

Note: A ballot for election of Board of Directors has been included as an insert in this report. Please vote your choice and return ballot to the water office no later than September 11, 2017.

Water Loss

At North Lumberton Utility we are always trying to prevent excessive water loss. We ask all our members to help us in this effort by reporting any suspicious water you may see. We greatly appreciate all the leaks that our members report each year.

Thank You!

New RECONNECTION Fee

There has been an increase in our Reconnection Fee. The fee will now be \$35.00.

Please use bill cards

when paying your water bill. Using the card we mail to you will, more than any other thing help prevent posting errors when

applying payments to customers accounts.

811 Locate service

Calling for locates before you excavate in Mississippi is now required by law. Mississippi One Call has made it much easier to reach their call center by simply dialing 811.

Capacity Assessment:

The April 2017 Capacity assessment and inspection by the Ms. State Board of Health have been completed. At the time of the inspection the system was sited as being well maintained and operating properly. The capacity assessment is based on a rating from 0 to 5 for the Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacities of the Water System. 0 is the lowest rating and 5 being the highest rating. For the **North Lumberton/Baxterville and Springhill Systems** ratings are; Technical=5.0, Managerial=5.0, and Financial=5.0, (overall rating =5.0 / 5.0)

Pearl River Utility Authority Capacity Assessment was not available at the time of this report.

About Our Association:

North Lumberton Utility is an equal opportunity service provider. We are located at 410 North Front Street; Lumberton, Ms 39455. The phone # is 601-796-4941. Our staff consists of Deborah Norton Office Manager; Greg Martin, Jesse Williamson, David Cox and Chris Longino are the Certified Operators. Sarah Davis reads our water meters. The Board of Directors are Jerry Smith, President; Dale Hanna, Vice President; Joey Walker,

Sec./Treasurer; Area Representatives are Richard Southern, Loray Jordan, David Earl Johnson, and Joe Keith.

About our Water

North Lumberton Utility currently pumps water from Two aquifers with wells located in three sites within our service area. Three wells located at Baxterville pump water from a local aquifer called **Hattiesburg aquifer**. This aquifer is approximately 200 feet deep. The water quality is relatively good in that it does not contain any appreciable amounts of minerals such as iron, or manganese, which can cause color and staining problems. However, due to a concentration of CO2 the pH of this water is around 5.5 to 6.0 causing it to be corrosive. To correct the corrosive nature of the water, we use a treatment method that includes aeration to remove the CO2 followed by the introduction of hydrated lime to raise the pH to around 8.9. **Another well** is located on Little Black Creek Road. This well pumps from a major aquifer called the **Miocene aquifer** and is approximately 850 feet. The water from this well contains an appreciable amount of iron. Because of the iron, it is necessary to filter this water using a pressure filter. The filtration process requires that we raise the pH to around 8.5 using sodium carbonate. After the pH has been adjusted, Potassium Permanganate is used to oxidize the iron out of the water for filtering. The filter is then backwashed following the filtration of a set amount of water. We have currently included

orthophosphate to attempt to bind any iron remaining after filtration. We also have a well located on Springhill Road in Pearl River County that pumps from the Miocene aquifer. The water from this well has a concentration of Manganese that will not remain in solution. Like iron, manganese requires filtration. We also are adding orthophosphate at this plant. All of our sites include the use of gaseous Chlorine to maintain a residual disinfectant.

The Pearl River Utility Authority's well is approximately 600 ft. deep with a capacity of 700 gallons per minute. Treatment consist of aeration and Lime for corrosion control and gaseous chorine for residual disinfection. Customers in the Poplarville area of our water system are served by water purchased wholesale from the Pearl River County Utility Authority.

Report On Our Drinking Water:

The year 2016 water analysis for your water are recorded on the following page of this report. North Lumberton Utility has met all E.P.A. and State Board of Health drinking water standards for the year 2016. All detects are well below the standards set forth. The results for the Pearl River County Utility Authority can be viewed at the Mississippi State Dept. of Health website or at our office.

Some persons can be more vulnerable to certain contaminates than others. Persons with Immune-compromised conditions such as

HIV/AIDS, organ transplant recipients, chemo-patients, the elderly or infants should seek advise from their health care provider concerning their drinking water. EPA's Center for Disease Control (CDC) offer guidelines concerning drinking water through the Safe Drinking Water Hotline(1-800-426-4791). Expect all drinking water whether bottled or tap to contain trace amounts of contaminants. This does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk to the individual drinking it. The standards set forth in the Safe Drinking Water Act have been set to reflect Maximum Contaminant Levels(MCL's) well below any known or expected risk to health. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the staff at our office or Ms. State Dept. of Health, Water Supply, or by logging in to <http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/watersupply/index.htm>

Remember to conserve:

Potable drinking water is a limited resource. We all need to do our best to protect and conserve our water. Greater demands along with natural and environmental issues have certainly placed more stress on our drinking water. Let us all try to **REMEMBER TO CONSERVE** every time we go to use water. Then we can have a safe, adequate supply of potable drinking water well into the future.

TEST RESULTS for 0550057 (Springhill/ West Poplarville) year 2016

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	YOUR WATER	SAMPLE DATE	VIOLATION	Likely Source of Contamination	
1.Total Coliform Bacteria	0	<1	0 positive	2016	NO	presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples Naturally present in the environment	
2. Fecal coliform and E.coli	0	5	0 positive	2016	NO	a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive Human and animal fecal waste	
Radioactive Contaminant pCi/l = Picocuries Per Liter							
3. Gross Alpha(pCi/l)	0	15	0.08	12/03/12*	NO	Decay of Natural and man-made deposits	
4. Radium 226/228(pCi/l)	0	5	<0.434	12/03/12*	NO	Erosion of natural deposits	
Inorganic Contaminants							
5. Antimony(mg/l)	0.006	0.006	<0.0005	12/13/16	NO	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder	
6. Arsenic(mg/l)	NA	0.050	<0.0005	12/13/16	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes	
7. Barium(mg/l)	2.0	2.0	0.0426	12/13/16	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
8. Beryllium(mg/l)	0.004	0.004	<0.0005	12/13/16	NO	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries	
9. Cadmium(mg/l)	0.005	0.005	<0.0005	12/13/16	NO	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints	
10. Chromium(mg/l)	0.10	0.10	<0.0005	12/13/16	NO	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits	
11. cyanide(mg/l)	0.200	0.200	<0.015	06/24/15	NO	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel and metal factories.	
12. Fluoride(mg/l)	4.0	4.0	<0.1	12/13/16	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
13. Mercury(mg/l)	0.002	0.002	<0.0005	12/13/16	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland	
14. Nickel(mg/l)	0.10	0.10	0.002	2013*	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland	
15. Selenium(mg/l)	0.05	0.05	<0.0025	12/13/16	NO	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines	
17. Thallium(mg/l)	0.5	0.002	<0.0005	12/13/16	NO	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories	
18. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)(mg/l)	10	10	<0.08	05/03/16	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
19. Nitrite (as Nitrogen)(mg/l)	1	1	<0.02	05/03/16	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
20. Lead (ppb)	0	AL= 15ppb	90 th %= 0.010samples	12/31/14*	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits	
21. Copper(ppb)	1.3	AL=1.3	90 th %=0.010samples	12/31/14*	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Your water	Range	Sample year	Violation	Source of Contaminant
TTHM SM1 (ppb)	80	N/A	8.79	45-110	2016	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 SM1 (ppb)	60	N/A	2.0	25-78	2016	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

DISINFECTON BY-PRODUCTS

Contaminant	MRDL Range	Your Water	Date	Violation	Source of contaminant
Chlorine	0.79MG/L to 1.4MG/L	1.00MG/L	2016	None	Water additive used to control microbes

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. **MCLGs:** Maximum Contaminant Level Goal is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. **AL:** Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which water systems must follow. **ND:** No Detect. **RAA:** Running Annual Average Report for Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids (TTHM/HAA) * = **Most recent sample/no sample required in 2016.**

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Lead and Copper Results

Recent news events have highlighted health issues associated with lead and copper contamination. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from material and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. When your water has been sitting for several hours you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds or up to 2 minutes before using the water for dinking or cooking purposes.

North Lumberton Utility conducted our Lead and Copper sampling. We have received the results for the sampling from the Mississippi State Department of Health. The Lead and Copper test results are available for inspection at our office. Twenty samples were taken throughout the system from residential homes meeting the Tier 1 criteria of the E PA and the Ms. State Dept. of Health, Division of Water Supply. Lead results netted a 0.0 mg/L in the 90th percentile of sample. Copper results netted a 0.0 mg in the 90th percentile.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENTS Rankings are as follows:

- (id# 550057) Springhill Well ranking = Moderate
- (id# 370007-01) North Lumberton Well ranking = Moderate
- (id# 370007-04,05,06) Baxterville Wells ranking = Higher