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2020 CERTIFICATION

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

Cameron Community Water System, Inc.
Public Water System Name

0450005
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 (PWS) to develop and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to its customers each year. Depending on the population served by the PWS, 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.

CCR DISTRIBUTION *(Check all boxes that apply.)*

INDIRECT DELIVERY METHODS *(Attach copy of publication, water bill or other)*	**DATE ISSUED**
☐ Advertisement in local paper *(Attach copy of advertisement)*	
☐ On water bills *(Attach copy of bill)*	
☐ Email message *(Email the message to the address below)*	
☐ Other _____	
DIRECT DELIVERY METHOD *(Attach copy of publication, water bill or other)*	**DATE ISSUED**
☑ Distributed via U. S. Postal Mail	6-1-2021
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the 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 PWS officials by the MSDH, Bureau of Public Water Supply.

Amy H. Cauthen	Accounts Manager	6-1-2021
Name	Title	Date

SUBMISSION OPTIONS (*Select one method ONLY*)

You must email, fax (not preferred), or mail a copy of the CCR and Certification to the MSDH.

Mail: (U.S. Postal Service)
MSDH, Bureau of Public Water Supply
P.O. Box 1700
Jackson, MS 39215

Email: water.reports@msdh.ms.gov

Fax: (601) 576-7800 (NOT PREFERRED)

CCR DEADLINE TO MSDH & CUSTOMERS: BY JULY 1, 2021

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NEWSLETTER

June 1, 2021

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Cameron Community Water System, enclosed is the Consumer Confidence Report (for the Year-Ended 2020) as required by the Mississippi Department of Health, which indicates the safety and the quality of the drinking water that we enjoy.

The upcoming Annual Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cameron Clubhouse Building, which is located at the intersection of Highway 17 and Rocky Hill Road. All members are welcome to attend. Also, positions are available on the Board of Directors for the new fiscal year cycle. We need you! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us.

Over the past few years, we have found our main line water pipes entangled in thick tree roots, split apart under road pavement, crushed by falling trees, trampled by cattle, broken inside of steel encasings which cross creeks, run over by tractors, crunched by backhoes... and even holding up a vehicle straddled mid-air across a ditch at 3 a.m. Earlier this year, our Well equipment held up during this state's historic ice storm, but required expensive repairs afterwards. The Well equipment from 1970 and 1999 is aging, along with the infrastructure, and some replacement parts have even become obsolete. Unfortunately, there is not a prize for "most creative water leak" and to put these complicated instances more simply: maintenance and repair costs continue to outpace income. Not only has the water system had to "dip" into savings, it has taken a "deep dive" to cover costs.

Another important issue is Manpower. It has become increasingly obvious that this "small" system of 175 members is too large for a handful of volunteers to provide all of the upkeep and meet customer demands for quick service in their spare time. The next time you drive from Pickens to Jackson - think about that 50-mile distance as you travel, which is also the approximate length of our Water System infrastructure. It is unrealistic for a couple of part-time individuals, with their own wrenches, a shovel, and no equipment, to continue to maintain almost 50 miles of pipes and connections that are decades old.

Overall Membership has not grown over the past 20 years. The community makeup has been shifting from residential customers to an increase in "weekenders" - Instead of the "80/20" rule adage, we currently have less than 4% of members shouldering the daunting work for the remaining 96%, and a portion of that 4% has grown 100% tired and weary.

Costs are going up due to the sharply rising prices of parts and materials, insurance coverage, maintenance and repairs, along with keeping up with government rules, regulations, and reporting to the Mississippi Department of Health, DEQ, State Auditor, MS 811 Network, Department of Revenue, USDA, and the IRS. The safety of public water is also regulated by Homeland Security. Operating a water system has continued to become a more specialized field, requiring licensed and experienced individuals.

We are thankful for those who began this Water System and who were diligent to bring running water to the taps of all of us in this community. Some members have even commented on how grateful they are to no longer be on a private well, as they were in earlier years before this community system. Going forward, we must prepare to operate by current-day standards - which also means current-day pricing to meet those standards.

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2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Cameron Community Water System, Inc.
PWS#: 450005
April 2021

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 ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is from wells drawing from the Meridian Upper Wilcox Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to identified 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 Cameron Community Water System, Inc. have received lower susceptibility rankings to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Amy Cauthen at 662.617.3480. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend the annual meeting scheduled for the third Tuesday in July at 6:00 PM at the Cameron Clubhouse Building, located on Rocky Hill Road, Cameron, MS.

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the period of January 1st to December 31st , 2020. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2020, the table reflects the most recent results. As water travels over the surface of land or underground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials and can pick up substances or contaminants from the presence of animals or from human activity; microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations and septic systems; radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is 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.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk of health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in $10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in $10,000,000.

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
Radioactive Contaminants								
5. Gross Alpha	N	2019*	2	No Range	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits

6. Radium 226 Radium 228	N	2019*	.59 0	No Range	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2019*	.0092	.009 - .0092	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2018/20	..2	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2019*	.143	.142 - .143	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	2018/20	1	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	2019*	100000	92000 - 100000	ppb	0	0	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents.
Disinfection By-Products								
81. HAA5	N	2020	27	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-Product of drinking water disinfection.
82. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2018*	38.7	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine	N	2020	1.1	.32 – 1.8	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

** Most recent sample. No sample required for 2020.*

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected however the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a monthly basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. In an effort to ensure systems complete all monitoring requirements, MSDH now notifies systems of any missing samples prior to the end of the compliance period.

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 materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. The Mississippi State Department of Health Public Health Laboratory offers lead testing. Please contact 601.576.7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1.800.426.4791.

We work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.