

# Certification

Water systems serving 10,000 or more must use:  
Distribution Method I

Water systems serving 500 - 9,999 must use:  
Distribution Method I OR  
Distribution Method II, III, and IV

Water system serving less than 500 people must use:  
Distribution Method I OR  
Distribution Method II, III, and IV OR  
Distribution Method III and IV

OFFICE USE ONLY

Public Water Supply name(s):  
*HOCTAW WATER ASSOCIATION*

7-digit Public Water Supply ID #(s):  
*0100002*

**Distribution** (Methods used to distribute CCR to our customers)

I. CCR directly delivered using one or more method below:

- \*Provided direct Web address to customer
- Hand delivered
- Mail paper copy
- Email

\*Add direct Web address (URL) here:  
  
Example: "The current CCR is available at [www.waterworld.org/ccrMay2023/0830001.pdf](http://www.waterworld.org/ccrMay2023/0830001.pdf). call (000) 000-0000 for paper copy".

II. Published the complete CCR in the local newspaper. *HOCTAW PLAIN DEALER*

Date(s) published:  
*6/9/2023*

III. Inform customers the CCR will not be mailed but is available upon request.  
List method(s) used (examples – newspaper, water bills, newsletter, etc.).

Date(s) notified:  
  
Location distributed:

IV. Post the complete CCR continuously at the local water office.  
 "Good Faith Effort" in other public buildings with the water system service area (i.e. City Hall, Public Library, etc.)

Date: *6/14/2023*  
Locations posted:  
*CHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER*

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This Community public water system confirms it has distributed its Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to its customers and the appropriate notices of availability have been given and that the information contained in its CCR is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the MS State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply and the requirements of the CCR rule.

Name: *Jasper Wood*

Title: *PRESIDENT*

Date: *6/14/2023*

**Submittal**

Email the following required items to [water.reports@msdh.ms.gov](mailto:water.reports@msdh.ms.gov) regardless of distribution methods used.  
1. CCR (Water Quality Report)      2. Certification      3. Proof of delivery method(s)

**2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report**  
**Choctaw Water Association**  
**PWS#: 0100002**  
**May 2023**

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TEST RESULTS								
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
10. Barium	N	2022	.0818	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2022	.6	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	2020/22	.6	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Lead	N	2020/22	2	0	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
19. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	2022	.951	No Range	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Unregulated Contaminants</b>								
Sodium	N	2021*	7.83	No Range	ppm	20	0	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents.
<b>Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Chlorine	N	2022	.4	.3 – .6	mg/l	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes

\* Most recent sample. No sample required for 2022.

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.

#### LEAD INFORMATION

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.

#### FLUORIDE INFORMATION

To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies", the TOWN OF ACKERMAN is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year in which average fluoride sample results were within the optimal range of 0.6-1.2 ppm was 9. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar year that was within the optimal range of 0.6-1.2 ppm was 82%. The number of months samples were collected and analyzed in the previous calendar year was 2.

Note: this system adds fluoride to your drinking water to help prevent and reduce cavities and improve overall oral health. Supply-chain issues have limited or prevented this water system's ability to obtain fluoride on a regular basis. The data presented above only reflects the months when this water system added fluoride to your drinking water.

#### VIOLATIONS

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.

#### UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulations are warranted.

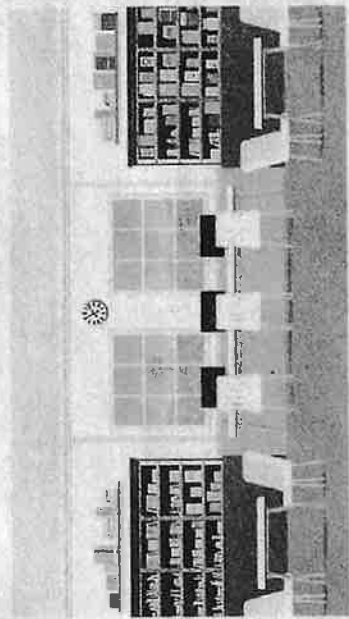
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necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791.

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 are continually improving the system to provide good water quality and service to our members.

# This Week at Choctaw County Library System - Camp CCLS



Special to the  
Choctaw Plaindealer

Choctaw County Libraries will have lots of summer fun opportunities for the whole family this week! On Monday June 12, the Ackerman Library will host Silver Social for adults from 9:30am-noon, and Heaven's Jubilee Farm is bringing a petting zoo for all ages to enjoy at 2pm. On Tuesday June 13, the kids are invited for Lego League fun at the Ackerman Library (10am) and Weir Library (3pm). Thursday June 15 at

friendly program on Geology and Fossils at the Ackerman Library. Later that afternoon at 1:30pm, James and Helen Hill will be at the Weir Library with a Solar Telescope. Their program "Our Star, the Sun" allows participants to view the sun safely with a specially equipped telescope. Friday June 16 will feature two events at the Ackerman Library- Campfire Storytime Singalong for kids at 10am, and Computer Class for adults at 3pm. Be on the lookout for more fun to come next week!

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**CHOCTAW WATER ASSOCIATION**

SERVICE ADDRESS  
601 MS HWY 9

P.O. BOX 86  
ACKERMAN, MS 39735-0086

CURRENT	METER READINGS	
	PREVIOUS	USED
153860	151200	2660
CHARGE FOR SERVICES		

PAY NET AMOUNT ON OR BEFORE DUE DATE	DUE DATE	PAY GROSS AMOUNT AFTER DUE DATE
	06/20/2023	
NET AMOUNT	SAVE THIS	GROSS AMOUNT
22.90	10.00	32.90

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT  
CHOCTAW PLAINDEALER 6/9/23

WTR 22.90  
NET DUE >>> 22.90

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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NELL YOUNG

P. O. BOX 825  
ACKERMAN, MS 39735

*FURTHER NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING ON 7/1 BILLING*