# Certification

Water systems serving 10,000 or more must use: Distribution Method I Water systems serving 500 - 9,999 must use: JUL = 1.2023Distribution Method I OR BUREAU OF PURING Distribution Method II. III. and IV WATER SUPPLY 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): 7-digit Public Water Supply ID #(s): Distribution (Methods used to distribute CCR to our customers) CCR directly delivered using one or more method below: Provided direct Web address to customer \*Add direct Web address (URL) here: ☐ Hand delivered https://msruta.org/2020cce/6/ward.Ddf. Example: "The current CCR is available at ☐ Mail paper copy www.waterworld.org/ccrMay2023/0830001.pdf. □ Email call (000) 000-0000 for paper copy". □ II. Published the complete CCR in the local Date(s) published: newspaper. Inform customers the CCR will not be mailed Date(s) notified: but is available upon request. List method(s) used (examples – newspaper, water Location distributed: The Wel Wes place bills, newsletter, etc.). waterbills and they can obtain a cup Date: □ IV. Post the complete CCR continuously at the local water office. Locations posted: "Good Faith Effort" in other public buildings with the water system service area (i.e. City Hall, Public Library, etc.) Certification 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. Title: Name: Date: Submitta Email the following required items to 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 Town of Edwards PWS#: 0250005 May 2023

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.

#### Contact & Meeting Information

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Arkamia Hunter at 601.852.5461. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall located at 310 Front Street.

#### Source of Water

Our water source is from wells drawing from the Cockfield Formation 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 Edwards have received a moderate susceptibility ranking to contamination.

#### Period Covered by Report

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to federal and state laws. This report is based on results of our monitoring period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2022, the table reflects the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

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.

## **Terms and Abbreviations**

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

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

<u>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)</u>: 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.

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)</u>: 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.

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)</u>: 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 billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter: one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

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Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measure -ment	MCLG	MÇL	Likely Source of Contamination	
Radioacti	ve Con	tamina	ints						
5. Gross Alpha	N	2019*	9.1	2.9 - 9.1	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits	
6. Radium 228	N	2019*	.53	No Range	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits	
Inorganio	: Conta	minant	ts						
10. Barium	N	2022	.0052	.00510052	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
13. Chromium	N	2022	.5	No Range	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits	
14. Copper	N	2018/20*	.1	0	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits leaching from wood preservatives	
16. Fluoride	N	2022	.818	.8818	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	2021*	112	108 - 112	ppm	20	0	Road Salt, Water Treatment Chemicals, Water Softeners and Sewage Effluents.	
Disinfecti	on By-	Produc	ts						
81. HAA5	Y	2022	65	18.2 – 58.2	ppb	0	60	By-Product of drinking water disinfection.	
82. TTHM Total irihalomethanes]	N	2022	80	20.1 – 52.8	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination.	
Chlorine	N	2022	.5	.261	ppm	0	MDRL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes	

<sup>\*</sup> Most recent sample. No sample required for 2022. Disinfection By-Products:

(81) Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). Some people who drink water containing HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of cancer Sodium. EPA recommends that drinking water sodium not exceed 20 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Excess sodium from salt in the diet increases the risk of high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease.

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.

#### **VIOLATIONS**

Testing results from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters of 2022 show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Disinfection Byproducts. The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/l and for HAA5 is 0.060 mg/l. It is determined by averaging all the samples collected at each sampling location for the past 12 months. The levels of HAA5s averaged at one of our system's locations for that period were from 0.064 - 0.065 mg/l. We are seeking funding and researching treatment technologies to reduce these disinfection byproducts.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

# COMPLIANCE MEETING/ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

This public water system was required by the MS State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply to participate in a compliance meeting or administrative hearing on November 15, 2021 due to a Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products (TTHM & HAA5) violation. Actions this water system has taken to address these issues are: the system has increased flushing and reduced the amount of chlorine that is being added to the water. As a result, customers may notice the water being slightly darker than normal. System has

returned to compliance for disinfection by-products as of October 1, 2022. There has been no indication that the Bacteriological quality of the water has been compromised by the reduction in chlorine. Both samples submitted in late November were good. The system is working on plans for Carbon Filter due to the color in the water and is seeking funding.

#### **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.

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.

The Town of Edwards works 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.

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