2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Southwest MS Community College
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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 comes from wells drawing from the Miocene Aquifer.

The source water assessment has been completed for our public water system to determine the overall susceptibility of its drinking water supply to be identified with 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 SMCC have received moderate susceptibility rankings to contamination.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Amy E. Cooley at (601)276-2016. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. This report will be posted In the Administration Building as well as on the college website at www.smcc.edu, under Public Notices.

We routinely monitor for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2024. In cases where monitoring wasn't required in 2024, 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 constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents 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 no convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to 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 Measurement*	*MCLG*	*MCL/ AL*	*Likely Source of Contamination*
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium	N	2022*	0.033	No Range	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	N	2022*	0.0008	No Range	ppm	0	0.1	Discharge from Steel and Pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Lead	N	2023*	0.000	No Range	Mg/L	0	0.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Copper	N	2023*	0.0	No Range	Mg/L	0	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	N	2024	0.242	No Range	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate-Nitrite	N	2024	0.242	No Range	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leakage from septic tanks; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	N	2022*	3.98	No Range	ppm	20	20	Occurs naturally in groundwater through mineral deposits
Disinfection By-Products								
Chlorine	N	2024	0.90	0.48 MG/L to 1..50 MG/L	MG/L	0	MRDL= 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Bromo-dichloro-methane	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct formed when chlorine or other disinfectants are used to treat drinking water
Bromoform	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct formed when chlorine or other disinfectants are used to treat drinking water
Chloroform	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct formed when chlorine or other disinfectants are used to treat drinking water

Dibromo-chloro-methane	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct formed when chlorine or other disinfectants are used to treat drinking water
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct that occurs from the reaction of chlorine and naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter in the water source
TTHM	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct that occurs from the reaction of chlorine and naturally occurring organic matter in the water source
Dibromo-acetic Acid DBAA	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Formed as a byproduct during disinfection of water by chlorination in the presence of organic matter and bromide
Dichloro-Acetic Acid DCAA	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct formed when chlorine or other disinfectants are used to treat drinking water
Monobromo-acetic Acid MBAA	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct formed when chlorine or other disinfectants are used to treat drinking water
Monochloro-acetic Acid MCAA	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct formed when chlorine or other disinfectants are used to treat drinking water
Trichloro-acetic Acid TCAA	N	2024	1.0	No Range	ppb	0	0	Disinfection byproduct formed when chlorine or other disinfectants are used to treat drinking water

**Most recent samples*

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific constituents 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.

Southwest MS Community College received a violation for failure to prepare and report the Lead Service Line Inventory to the MS Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply, by the date of October 16, 2024, as required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

Southwest MS Community College has completed the Lead Service Line Inventory and according to visual inspections, operator knowledge and archived records, no lead lines were found. The Lead Service Line Inventory was completed and submitted on January 16, 2025.

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 Association 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 drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. 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 (800)426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-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 from their health care providers about drinking water. 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 at (800)426-4791.

Southwest MS Community College works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask all of our consumers to help protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.