# **CAMDEN SYSTEM**2009 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

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(There is convincing evid	lence that add	lition of a	disinfectan	t is neces	ssary for o	control of m	icrobial cont	aminants.)
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1.06	0.94	1.06	2009	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	67	NA		2009	Yes	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Contaminant	S							•
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.018	NA		2009	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	1.779	NA		2009	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)  Volatile Organic Contai	4 ninants	4	0.315	NA		2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	63	NA		2009	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

## CAMDEN SYSTEM Your Sample #Samples Exceed

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#### Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The violation occured during the 4th quarter of 2009. We worked with the Mississippi Department of Health and established increased flushing to correct the violation.

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<b>Contaminants</b>	MRDLG	MRDL	Water	Low	High	<u>Date</u>	<u>Violation</u>	Typical Source
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(There is convincing evid	lence that add	dition of a	disinfecta	nt is nece	ssary for	control of m	icrobial cont	aminants.)
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Inorganic Contaminant	s							
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Chromium (ppb)	100	100	1.2	NA		2008	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.954	NA		2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Microbiological Contan	inants							
Total Coliform (positive samples/month)	. 0	1	2	NA		2009	Yes	Naturally present in the environment
Radioactive Contamina	nts							
Uranium (ug/L)	0	30	0.025	0.003	0.025	2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	1.37	0.457	1.37	2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	0.332	0.117	0.332	2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contar	ninants							
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	41	NA		2009	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

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#### Total Coliform

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. Violation occured during the month of April, 2009. Follow up samples do not show the presence of coliform.

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## **LAKE CAROLINE NORTH**

## **Undetected Contaminants**

Your

The following contaminants were monitored for, but not detected, in your water.

MCLG MCL

or or

<u>Contaminants</u> <u>MRDLG</u> <u>MRDL</u> <u>Water</u> <u>Violation</u> <u>Typical Source</u>

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## **LAKE CAROLINE SOUTH**

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Contaminants	MCLG or <u>MRDLG</u>	MCL, TT, or <u>MRDL</u>	Your <u>Water</u>	Ra <u>Low</u>	nge <u>High</u>	Sample <u>Date</u>	<u>Violation</u>	Typical Source
Disinfectants and Disin	fection By-F	roducts				A CONTRACTOR	anaga sanangan	
(There is convincing evid	lence that add	dition of a	disinfectan	t is nece	ssary for o	control of m	icrobial cont	aminants.)
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1.61	1.1	1.61	2009	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contaminant	ts							
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.0134	NA		2008	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	4.2	NA		2008	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Conta	minants							
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	1.24	NA		2009	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Xylenes (ppm)	10	10	0.0015	NA		2009	No	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories
Dichloromethane (ppb)	0	5	0.836	NA		2009	No	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories

## LAKE CAROLINE SOUTH

Contaminants	<u>MCLG</u>	<u>AL</u>	Water	Sample <u>Date</u>	Exceeding AL	AL	Typical Source
Inorganic Contaminants							
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	6.6	2008	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.4575	2008	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

## **Undetected Contaminants**

The following contaminants were monitored for, but not detected, in your water.

<u>Contaminants</u>	or <u>MRDLG</u>	or MRDL	Your <u>Water</u>	<u>Violation</u>	Typical Source
Disinfectants and Disinfecti					
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	ND	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

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### **LEVI SYSTEM**

## 2009 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

#### Is my water safe?

Last year your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state drinking water health standards. We vigilantly safeguards the water supplies and we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This report includes details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

#### Do I need to take special precautions?

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/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### Where does my water come from?

Your water source is from the Sparta Sand Aquifer.

#### Source water assessment and its availability

To obtain additional information about your drinking water you may contact our certified water works operator, Mr. Eddie Mauldin at 601-855-5471, or you may prefer to log on to the Internet and obtain specific information about your system and its compliance history at the following address http://www.msdh.state.us/watersupply/index.htm.

#### Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

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 water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### How can I get involved?

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(There is convincing evid	lence that add	lition of a	disinfectan	it is nece:	ssary for	control of m	icrobial cont	aminants.)
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1.38	1.26	1.38	2009	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	46	NA		2009	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Volatile Organic Contai	minants							
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	56	NA		2009	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Xylenes (ppm)	10	10	0.0041	NA		2009	No	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	1.32	NA		2009	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries

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## 2009 DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

#### Is my water safe?

Last year, we conducted tests for over 80 contaminants. We only detected 9 of those contaminants, and found only 1 at a level higher than the EPA allows. As we told you at the time, our water temporarily exceeded drinking water standards. (For more information see the section labeled Violations at the end of the report.) This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

#### Do I need to take special precautions?

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#### Where does my water come from?

Your water source is from two wells pumping from the Meridian Upper Wilcox Aquifer.

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**Additional Information For Lead** 

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. Canton Municipal Utilities 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 for \$10.00 per sample. Please contact 601.576.7582 if you wish to have your water tested.

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Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	0.4	NA		2008	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Fluoride (ppm)  Volatile Organic Contar	4 minants	4	0.307	NA		2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
TTHMs [Total	NA	80	58	NA		2009	No	By-product of drinking water
Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	INA	συ	Jo	1474		2007	NO	disinfection

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#### Violations and Exceedances

Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. This violation occurred the 4th Quarter, 2009. Increased flushing of the water system was implemented to correct the violation..

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