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Chromium (ppb)	100	100	9.57	5.27	9.57	2012	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits	

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Disinfectants & Disi				2011	.		Dute	<u> </u>	1011	Typical Source
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)										
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	60	58	60		2012	No		By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	64	58	64	4	2012	Yes	S	This a by-product of drinking water chlorination.
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1.3	0.8	2.5	52	2012	No	•	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Contamin	ants									
Cyanide [as Free Cn] (ppb)	200	200	15	NA			2012	No		Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.00782	NA			2012	No		Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	5.7	NA			2012	No	- 1	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.144	NA			2012	No		Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Volatile Organic Con	taminants						<u>,,</u>		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Xylenes (ppm)	10	10	0.00413	ND	0.00 13	- 1	2012	No	į t	Discharge from petroleum actories; Discharge from chemical factories
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	0.517	ND	0.51	7	2012	No		Discharge from petroleum efineries
			Your	Sam	ple	#	# Samples		ceed:	S
<u>Contaminants</u>	MCLG	<u>AL</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Dat</u>	<u>e</u> []	Exc	eeding A	<u>L </u>	<u>AL</u>	Typical Source
Inorganic Contamina	nts					-,-				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	2	201	1		0		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

at consumer taps 1.3 1.3 0.4 2011 0 No plumbing system	, · · · I	13 13	0.4	2011	0		Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
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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. Our system exceeded the HAA5 MCL at one location with locational running annual average of 64 ppb. We are working closely with the Mississippi Department of Health to resolve this situation through modified operational practices. You may also see additional line flushing in your area.

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Drinking Water Quality Report

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

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 is from well pumping from the Meridian Upper Wilcox Aquifer.

Source water assessment and its availability

To obtain additional information about your drinking water you may contact our certified water works operator, Mr. Claudie Steen at 601-859-2474, or you may prefer to log on to the Internet and obtain specific information about your system and it's compliance history at the following address http://www.msdh.state.us/watersupply/index.htm

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*****Arpril 1,2013 MESSAGE FROM MSDH CONCERNING RADIOLOGICAL SAMPLING****

In accordance with the Radionuclides Rule, all community public water supplies were required to sample quarterly for radionuclides beginning January 2007-December 2007. Your public water completed sampling by the scheduled deadline; however, during an audit of the Mississippi State Department of Health Radiological Health Laboratory, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suspended analyses and reporting of radiological compliance samples and results until further notice. Although this was not the result of inaction by the public water supply, MSDH was required to issue a violation. This is to notify you that as of this date, your water system has completed the monitoring requirements and is now in compliance with the Radionuclides Rule. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Walters, Director of Compliance & Enforcement, Bureau of Public Water Supply, at (601)576-7518.

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			Your	Samj	ple	ŧ	/ Sample	s	Exceed	ls	
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Inorganic Contamina	ants										
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0,3	201	.1		10		No		Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

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