2016 Consumer Confidence Reports

District #1 and District #4

Please take a moment to determine which district you are located in.

District #4 consists of approximately 215 active customers located across Hurricane Bridge towards Silver Point and also at the Harbor Point area. Account numbers 002-1550-0 through 002-4270-0 make up District #4.

District #1 consists of all other customers not included in the above description.

Now that you have determined which district you are located in, scroll down until you come to the two page report for the district in which you are searching.

Should you have any questions, please call our office at 615-597-6490 and we will be glad to assist you.

DEKALB UTILITY DISTRICT #1

Water Quality Report 2016

Is my drinking water safe?
Yes, our water meets all of EPA's Health Standards. A copy of any test result can be obtained at DeKalb Utility District office.

What is the source of my water?
We purchase our water from the City of Smithville. Smithville collects their water from Center Hill Lake, the Caney Fork River just east of town, and this surface water is treated at the Smithville Water Treatment Plant. Our goal is to protect our water from contaminants and we are working with the State to determine the vulnerability of our water source to **potential** contamination. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has prepared a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) Report for the untreated water sources serving this water system. The SWAP Report assesses the susceptibility of untreated water sources to **potential** contamination. To ensure safe drinking water, all public systems treat and routinely test their water. Water sources have been rated as reasonably susceptible, moderately susceptible or slightly susceptible based on geologic factors and human activities in the vicinity of the water source. The DeKalb Utility District #1 sources rated as reasonably susceptible to potential contamination.

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Why are there contaminants in my water?
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Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations?
The State and EPA require us to test and report on our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We have always met all of these requirements. We want you to know that we pay attention to all the rules.

Other Information
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
Contaminants that may be present in source water:

- **Microbial contaminants,** such as viruses and bacteria, which 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 stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
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Do I need to take special precautions?
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Lead in Drinking Water
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. DeKalb Utility District 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 .

What does this chart mean?
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DeKalb Utility District #1
Water Quality Data 2016

Contaminant	Units	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Range Low-High	Violation	Date Sampled	Typical Source of Contaminant
Microbiological contaminant								
Total Coliform Bacteria		0	1 positive sample	0		No	2016	Naturally present in the environment.
Turbidity***	NTU	N/A	TT	0.29 Avg.	.01-.29	No	2016	Soil runoff.
Total Organic Carbon*	ppm	TT	TT	N/A	N/A	No	2016	Naturally present in the environment.
Inorganic contaminant								
Copper**	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	.028 = 90th%		No	Aug-14	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead**	ppb	0	AL=15	0.5=90th%		No	Aug-14	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	0.90	0.30-0.90	No	2016	Erosion on natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum
Sodium	ppm	N/A	N/A	2.8		No	2016	Erosion of natural deposit; used in water treatment.
Chlorine	ppm	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	1.59 Avg.	1.0-2.1	No	2016	Water additive used to control microbes.
Organic Chemicals								
TTHMs (Total trihalomethanes)	ppb	N/A	80	61.9 Avg.	20 - 55	No	2016	By-product of drinking water chlorination
THAAs (Total Haloacetic Acids)	ppb	N/A	60	47.0 Avg.	13 - 39	No	2016	By-product of drinking water disinfection

* We met the Treatment Technique requirement for Total Organic Carbon in 2016.

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***During the year of 2016, the City of Smithville turbidity samples were 100% below the turbidity limit. They monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of their filtration system. Turbidity is a measure of cloudiness of the water.

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Violations

DeKalb Utility District #1 received no violations for the year of 2016.

DEKALB UTILITY DISTRICT #4
Water Quality Report 2016

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Yes, our water meets all of EPA's Health Standards. A copy of any test result can be obtained at DeKalb Utility District office.

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DeKalb Utility District #4
Water Quality Data 2016

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Total Coliform Bacteria		0	1 positive sample	0		No	2016	Naturally present in the environment.
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Inorganic contaminant								
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1.03	.33-1.03	No	2016	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Copper**	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	.079=90th%		No	2014	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead**	ppb	0	AL=15	1.0=90th%		No	2014	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	ppm	N/A	N/A	19.2		No	2016	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water treatment
Chlorine	ppm	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	1.49 Avg.	1.0-2.1	No	2016	Water additive used to control microbes.
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.016	0-0.16	No	2016	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion on natural deposits
Organic Chemicals								
TTHMs (Total trihalomethanes)	ppb	N/A	80	64.4 Avg.	37.2 - 78.5	No	2016	By-product of drinking water chlorination
THAAs (Total Haloacetic Acids)	ppb	N/A	60	37.1 Avg.	23.4 - 42.6	No	2016	By-product of drinking water disinfection

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