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***Drinking Water Contaminants***

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 include:

* 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 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, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
* Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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 EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

***Important Health Information***

Immuno-comprised 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 microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-246-4791).

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. We 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 www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

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*for the Period of January 1 – December 31, 2016*

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***Our Commitment***

We are pleased to present this year’s Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by this system to provide safe drinking water. Our constant and most important goal is delivering a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

For more information regarding this report or if you have any questions, please contact the Talatha Rural Community Water District (TRC) office at (803) 652-1381.

***Where Does My Water Come From?***

Talatha Rural Community Water District’s water source is ground water produced from wells in the Tuscaloosa Aquifer. Our water is monitored daily, and we strive to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

***Source Water Assessment Plan***

Our Source Water Assessment Plan is available at:

**http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnviroment/Water/SourceWaterProtection/mindex.htm**

If you do not have internet access, please contact our office at (803) 652-1381 to make arrangements to review this document.

***We Want Our Valued Customers to be Informed***

To learn more about TRC Water, please attend any of the regular monthly

meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the TRC office, 4 Aspen Court, Aiken.