Annual Drinking Water Report for 2008

We are pleased once again to provide you with our Annual Water Quality Report. It is part of our effort to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal continues to be providing you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Little River purchases water from Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority (GSWSA) who treats and distributes surface water from the Great Pee Dee Watershed. Included with this report is information from their surface water treatment plant source.

We are pleased to report that your drinking water is safe and meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Fred Kisner at (843) 249-4025. We want our valued members and billed customers to be informed about their water utility.

The Company’s Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the Company office, located at 1575 Highway 17 in Little River, South Carolina. The annual membership meeting is held on the second Tuesday of February at a place named in the Annual Meeting Announcement mailed to each member.

As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, as well as radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. 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 1-800-426-4791.

Little River Water & Sewerage routinely monitors for certain contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. Our water supplier, GSWSA also monitors water quality; a copy of their results for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2008 is available in our Little River office.

Our system population requires that we monitor our distribution system for the presence of coliform bacteria by sampling 20 different points each month. In 2008, no coliform bacteria were found in any drinking water samples tested. In addition to bacteriological testing Little River Water & Sewer Company conducts routine lead and copper testing. As a result of low detection levels we are on a reduced monitoring program for lead and copper. We are scheduled to sample again for these metals in 2010.
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. Little River Water & Sewer Company 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 drinking 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 data presented in these tables contain abbreviations and terms that may seem complicated. The following definitions are important for understanding this data.

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**REGULATED DETECTIONS – Source Little River Water & Sewer Company**

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<th>Substance</th>
<th>Action Level</th>
<th>90th Percentile</th>
<th># Sites Over Action Level</th>
<th>Violation?</th>
<th>Most Likely Source of Contaminant</th>
<th>Year Sampled</th>
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<tr>
<td>Copper (ppm)</td>
<td>1.3 (ppm)</td>
<td>0.172</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Corrosion of household plumbing, Erosion of natural deposits</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<td>Lead (ppb)</td>
<td>15 (ppb)</td>
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<td>Flouride</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>4 ppm</td>
<td>0.54 - 0.7 ppm</td>
<td>4 ppm</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>Additive for promoting strong teeth. Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.</td>
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<td>Nitrate</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>10 ppm</td>
<td>ND - 0.24 ppm</td>
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As you can see from the information in this report, our system had no violations, neither did our supplier GSWSA. We’re very proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through monitoring and testing, by both GSWSA and ourselves that some substances have been detected, however the EPA has determined that **YOUR WATER IS SAFE** at these levels.

Maintaining a safe and dependable water supply sometimes means we need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments, as we reach these points, we thank you for understanding.

Some individuals 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/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 (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions. The Board of Directors, Management, and Staff of Little River Water & Sewerage Company, Inc., continually work to provide top quality water to every customer’s tap at reasonable rates. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, the watersheds that feed them, and to be conservative with this most valuable resource.