

**** C C R U p d a t e ****

Reminder



Please remember that July 1, 2009 is the due date for your water system's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Also, the deadline for submitting your Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form is October 1, 2009. We strongly recommend mailing your Certification Form with your CCR, and mailing them at least 10 days before they are due to prevent any CCR violations.

What Does Your CCR Need?

■ Water System Information – the two basic components:



1. Provide the name and telephone number of a person at the water system who can answer questions about the report.
2. List available opportunities for public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality, or how customers can get information of when meetings are announced.

****For systems with a large number of non-English speaking residences, include a translated statement about the importance of the report and how they can obtain a translated copy of the report. ****

■ Sources of Water – be sure it contains the following:

- Type, name, and general location of water sources
- Availability of source water assessment
- If available, a general summary of source water assessment, along with information on significant sources of contamination

■ Definitions – required definitions:

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)

The following definitions are only added if they are applicable to your CCR:

- Treatment Technique (TT)
- Action Level (AL)
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)

For all definitions, you must use the language provided by the EPA.

■ **Detected Contaminants Table** – must contain the following:



- Data on **DETECTED** regulated contaminants; regulated contaminants are subject to a MCL, TT, or AL.
- If you sampled for a regulated contaminant more than once during the year, you are required to report a range.
- The MCLs and MCLGs for each contaminant
- Likely sources of each detected contaminant
- Appropriate units for each detected contaminant, and a unit description section

■ **Compliance with Other Drinking Water Regulations**

- Explanation of violations
- Potential health effects
- Steps taken to correct the violation



■ **Required Educational Information** – must display the following educational statements provided by the EPA:

- Drinking and Bottled Water Information
- Immuno-compromised population
- Drinking Water Contaminants



How Do I Distribute My CCR???

Rules for distributing your CCR all depend on the size of the population that your water system serves. If your system serves:

- ☑ **500 people or less** – You do not need to mail your CCR to the consumers. You must provide a notice that says that the Annual Water Quality Report is available upon request. This can be mailed, hand delivered, printed on water or rent bill, or posted in a prominent place like the office or mailbox center.
- ☑ **501 – 9,999 people** – You do not need to mail your CCR to consumers. However, you must publish the entire CCR in one or more local newspaper. You must also notify

the population that you will not be mailing out copies of the CCR. This can be published in the newspapers, mailed, delivered door to door, printed on water or rent bill, or posted in a prominent place like the office or mailbox center.

****If it is more cost effective to mail your CCR to your consumers instead of publishing it in a local paper, you may mail your CCR as an alternative.****

10,000 – 99,999 people – You MUST mail your CCR to the consumers. You must also make “good faith efforts” to reach the water users that will not be receiving a copy of the CCR in the mail. For example, in addition to mailing the CCR, it could be posted in public places, like the post office or library, published in the newspaper, or placed in apartment complexes. There are many other ways that you can make good faith efforts to distribute the CCR to your “other” water consumers.

100,000 or more – You MUST mail your CCR to consumers and make good faith efforts to reach the water users that will not be receiving a copy of the CCR in the mail as described above. In addition, you must post your CCR on the Internet at a publicly available site.

****When you fill out your Certification Form, please remember to mark which method(s) of distribution you used. ****

Resources

Completing a CCR does require some effort, however there is help. If you need any assistance with either the CCR or the Certification Form, there are several resources available to you.

Internet Resources



The CCRiWriter -- www.ccriwriter.com



The Guidance Booklet for Small Water Systems --
<http://www.gwpca.org/ccr/update1.html>



Environmental Protection Agency CCR Information Sheet
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/ccr/index.html>

Organizations

The following organizations are membership based and nonprofit.

Georgia Association of Water Professionals

Address - 2121 New Market Pkwy. Suite 144

Marietta, GA 30067

Telephone - (770) 618-8690

Website - <http://gawp.org>

Georgia EPD

If you do not have access to the Internet, we will be happy to mail you a copy of the Guidance Booklet for Small Water Systems and/or a Certification Form upon request. If you have any concerns, please contact us. We can assist you!

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