

**ALBERTA WATER SYSTEM**  
**Public Water Supply ID: LA1013002**

Consumer Confidence Report

# 2013 CCR

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**What you need to do:**

**Step 1: Review base report (numbered pages) for errors. If you are a surface water system, you must insert the turbidity data.**

**UCMR 3: If you have received data pertaining to the UCMR 3 list, that data must be included in the CCR Report. Additional information can be found at: <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1521>.**

**Step 2: Distribute completed report to your customers as outlined on the CCR Certification of Distribution Form no later than June 30, 2014.**

**Step 3: A completed CCR Certification of Distribution Form including a copy of the final CCR report shall be submitted to the State at the address provided on the form no later than September 30, 2014.**

**Notes:**

**This page is not part of your CCR; it is only the instruction page. The pages that are numbered in the upper right hand corner are the report pages.**



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### 2013 - The Water We Drink ALBERTA WATER SYSTEM Public Water Supply ID: LA1013002

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Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month monthly sample(s) in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. During the monitoring period covered by this report, we had the following noted detections for microbiological contaminants:

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2013				

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

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DI(2-ETHYLHEXYL) PHTHALATE	6/4/2012	3.03	3.03	ppb	6	0	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
FLUORIDE	6/4/2012	1.6	0.9 - 1.6	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Lead and Copper	Date	90 <sup>TH</sup> Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2011 - 2013	0.3	0.1 - 0.3	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
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**Additional Required Health Effects Language:**

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

We at the ALBERTA WATER SYSTEM work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.

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**2012 CCR CERTIFICATION OF DISTRIBUTION FORM**

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**PWS ID: LA1013002**

**RECORDED POPULATION: 1860**

**The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) must be delivered to your consumers by 06/30/2013 and certification must be submitted to the State no later than 09/30/2013.**

CCR reports must be distributed based on the population served by the public water system(PWS) as shown above:

Population	Required Action
≤500	Notify customers of reports availability for review by hand, mail, or posting in public places.
501-9,999	Must mail or otherwise directly deliver one copy of the report to every customer or publish the report in one or more local newspapers serving the area (if publishing in newspaper, the CWS must notify the customers that the report will not be mailed (include in newspaper or in bill)
10,000 to 99,999	Must mail or otherwise directly deliver one copy of the report to every customer.
≥100,000	Must mail or otherwise directly deliver one copy of the report to every customer, and post on a publicly-accessible web site. Website Address: _____

As an alternative to mailing the CCR, the CWS has the option of choosing an **electronic delivery method**. On the reverse side of this page, you will find options for electronic delivery that meet the "mail or otherwise directly deliver" requirement of the CCR Rule. If choosing to distribute the report electronically, you must check the option(s) used on the reverse side of this page and complete all required elements. You may also use a combination of the above delivery method and electronic delivery to reach all consumers.

The below noted community public water system confirms that its 2012 Consumer Confidence Report has been prepared and delivered to its consumers in accordance with the appropriate delivery method based on population served. Furthermore, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the primacy agency as well as fulfilling all CCR requirements of CFR Title 40, Part 141.

**Certified by: Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name/Job Title:** SCOTT YARNELL / SECRETARY/TREASURER

**Date of CCR Report Delivery:** 05/14/2014

**(I have attached a copy of the report and notification provided to consumers)**

**Direct URL (Electronic delivery only):** \_\_\_\_\_

If the CCR is delivered by posting, mail out, or by hand, a copy of the pamphlet or mail out, even if no changes were made, must be attached to the returned certification form. Copies of the report must be kept for three years and made available to the public or the State upon request. Any questions or requests can be addressed to Sean Nolan by phone at 225-342-7495 or by e-mail to [sean.nolan@la.gov](mailto:sean.nolan@la.gov). Electronic copies of the reports can be found in the Consumer Confidence Reports section at <http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/safedinkingwater>.

**Mail signed and completed form and final copy of CCR to:**

Attn: Sean Nolan, CCR Compliance Engineer  
OPH/Center for Environmental Health Services  
P.O. Box 4489  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4489

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