## **Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division**

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## Georgia Environmental Protection Division Public Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form

Community Water System (CWS) Name: Fannin Count	y Water Authority
Georgia Public Water System I.D. Number: 1110124 , 1	110125 , 1110126.
The CWS identified above does hereby confirm that distributed to its customers. The water system further ceraccurate and consistent with the compliance monitoring of the Division (EPD). In addition, if this report is being use denoted by the checked box below, the CWS certifies consumers in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFI	rtifies that the information contained in the report is ata previously submitted for the same time period to d to meet Tier 3 Public Notification requirements, as that public notification has been provided to its
Certified and attested by the following person:	
Signature: Frank T Burk  Name: Frank T. Burk  E-mail: fanninwaterauthority@fannincountyga.org	Date: 11-5-2018 Title: Water Operator Class III Phone: 706-258-5160
The CCR includes text which provides mandated Publ	ic Notice for a monitoring violation (check box, if yes)
EPD requests the following material in order to gather Community Water Systems. Please mark and/or fill out at of report distribution.  For ALL community water systems, indicate the method.	ll items which apply to your CCR program or means
Note: For systems serving >10,000 persons, a "good faith consumers by three or more of the following methods (materials).	n effort" must be made to your "other" water system ark all methods utilized):
Mattp://www.fannincountyga.com/fanninncountyg	paper  other (e.g., bill insert, newsletter, postcard)  paper  direct URL to CCR) provide the direct URL Internet address:  per CCR service area (attach list of zip codes used)  per of paper publication)  location(s) (attach list) per receiving a water bill  lease list below):
Indicate the number of "consumers served" or "population served" by your water system:	Send completed CCR certification form AND a copy of final CCR to the following address: Georgia EPD Watershed Compliance Program Consumer Confidence Report Suite 1152, Floyd Towers East 2 Martin Luther King Drive, SW Atlanta, GA 30334

# Fannin County -USDA 2017 Water Quality Report WSID 1110125

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(There is convincing eviden	nce that a	dditi	on of a	disinfecta	nt is n	ecessa	ry for cor	ntrol of mic	robial contaminants)
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA		60	21.35	NA	NA	2017	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA		80	26.54	NA	NA	2017	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
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Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.042	2015		0	No	plumbi	ion of household ing systems; Erosion of deposits
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Bromodichloromethane		5.5 UG/L	No	
Chloroform		13 UG/L	No	1000

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Dichloroacetic Acid		2 UG/L	No	
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# Fannin County -GEFA Water system WSID # 1110126

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The purpose of this survey is to determine whether a cross-connection may exist at your home or business. A cross connection is an unprotected or improper connection to a public water distribution system that may cause contamination or pollution to enter the system. We are responsible for enforcing cross-connection control regulations and insuring that no contaminants can, under any flow conditions, enter the distribution system. If you have any of the devices listed below please contact us so that we can discuss the issue, and if needed, survey your connection and assist you in isolating it if that is necessary.

- Boiler/Radiant heater (water heaters not included)
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Morganton Water System

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### **Water Quality Data Table**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

	MCLG	MCL,		etect In	Ra	nge			
Contaminants	or MRDLG	TT, or		our Vater	Low	High	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Disinfectants &	Disinfecti	on By-P	rodu	cts					
(There is convinc	ing eviden	ce that a	dditi	on of	a disin	fectar	nt is neces	sary for cor	ntrol of microbial contaminants)
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4		.9	NA	NA	2017	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Inorganic Conta	minants	•							
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4		4	NA	NA	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Contamina	nts	MCLG	AL	Youi Wate		nple ate	# Sample Exceeding AL	1	ds Typical Source
Inorganic Conta	minants								
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)		1.3	1.3	.88	20	017		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Conta	minants							*	
Lead - action leve consumer taps (p		0	15	4	20	017	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

### **Additional Contaminants**

In an effort to insure the safest water possible the State has required us to monitor some contaminants not required by Federal regulations. Of those contaminants only the ones listed below were found in your water.

Contaminants	State MCL	Your Water	Violation	<b>Explanation and Comment</b>
BROMODICHLOROMETHANE		2.2 UG/L	No	

Contaminants	State MCL	Your Water	Violation	<b>Explanation and Comment</b>
CHLOROFORM		4.8 UG/L	No	
DICHLOROACETIC ACID		3.4 UG/L	No	
RESIDUAL CHLORINE		1.37 MG/L	No	
TEMPERATURE (CENTIGRADE)		21.4 C	No	
TRICHLOROACETIC ACID		1.5 UG/L	No	

Unit Descriptions					
Term	Definition				
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)				
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (μg/L)				
NA	NA: not applicable				
ND	ND: Not detected				
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.				

Important Drinl	Important Drinking Water Definitions				
Term	Definition				
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.				
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.				
ТТ	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.				
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.				
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.				
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.				
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.				
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated				
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level				

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