## CERTIFICATION of DELIVERY CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

#### For Calendar year 2011

Public Water System(PWS) Name: SAWS MOUNTAIN LAUREL

PWS Id Number: TX0150545

I certify that the community water system named above has distributed the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the calendar year of **2011** by mail or direct delivery to bill-paying customers. I certify that the above system has additionally made an adequate good faith effort to reach non bill-paying consumers by the appropriate methods indicated below. I certify that the report has been made available to non-English-speaking customers. Further, I certify that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to TCEQ.

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	Phone #	Date
	Signature	
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- This completed and signed form; and
- The completed Consumer Confidence Report that you sent to your customers:

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality PDWS - Mail Code 155, Attn: CCR 12100 Park 35 Circle Austin, Texas 78753

(Alternate Address: TCEQ/PDW, MC-155, Attn: CCR, PO Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087)

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## **2011 Annual Drinking**

### **Water Quality Report**

(Consumer Confidence Report)

#### SAWS MOUNTAIN LAUREL

Phone Number:210-233-2318

### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

## Required language for ALL community public water supplies:

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly or immunocompromised such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; those who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/Aids or other immune system disorders can be particularly at risk of infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care provider. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

# **Public Participation Opportunities**

Date:		
Time:		
<b>Location:</b>		
Phone Number:		

To learn about future public meetings (concerning your drinking water), or to request to schedule one, please call us.

## OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

### **Source of Drinking Water**

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 pickup 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.

#### En Español

Este informe incluye información importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre éste informe en español, favor de llamar al tel. (210) 233 - 2318 -para hablar con una persona bilingüe en español.

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#### Where do we get our drinking water?

The source of drinking water used by SAWS MOUNTAIN LAUREL is ground water from the Edwards Aquifer. A Source Water Susceptibility Assessment for your drinking water sources(s) is currently being updated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This information describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may come into contact with your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. The information contained in the assessment allows us to focus source water protection strategies. Some of this source water assessment information is available on Texas Drinking Water Watch at http://dww.tceq.state.state.tx.us/DWW/. For more information on source water assessments and protection efforts at our system, please contact us.

#### ALL drinking water may contain contaminants

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. 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 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 (1-800-426-4791).

#### **Secondary Constituents**

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water, can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

#### Required Additional Health Information for Lead

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. This water supply 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 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.

#### **Abbreviations**

- NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- MFL million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
- pCi/L picocuries per liter ( a measure of radioactivity)
- ppm parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- ppb parts per billion, or micrograms per liter
- ppt parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
- ppq parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

#### **Definitions**

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected
MCLG:	risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	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.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	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.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	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.
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
na:	not applicable.
Definitions:	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

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## **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level**

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MRDL MRDLG	Unit of Measure	Source of Chemical
2011	Chlorine Residual, Free	1.11	.0.6	1.6	4.0 <4.0	ppm	Disinfectant used to control microbes

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## **Regulated Contaminants**

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCL G	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*	2010	1.6	1.6 - 1.6	0	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)*	2010	15.9	15.9 - 15.9	0	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCL G	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2011	0.04	0.04 - 0.04	0	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Chromium	2011	0.579	0.579 – 0.579	0	100	ppb	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2011	0.28	0.28 - 0.28	0	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

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Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2011	1.68	1.68 - 1.68	0	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCL G	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Gross Beta Particles	2008	<4.0	<4.0 - <4.0	0	50	pCi/L	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Gross Alpha	2008	2.4	<2.0 – 2.4	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: "The MCL for beta particles is 4 mrem / year, EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for beta particles."

Secondary and	Secondary and Other Constituents not Regulated (No associated adverse health effects)										
Constituent	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MC L	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination			
Aluminum	2011	.00217	.0021700217	0	.05	ppm	N	Abundant Naturally Occurring element			
Bicarbonate	2011	213	213 - 213	0	NA	ppm	N	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.			
Calcium	2011	69.8	69.8 – 69.8	0	NA	ppm	N	Abundant Naturally Occurring element.			
Chloride	2011	11.1	11.1 – 11.1	0	300	ppm	N	Abundant Naturally Occurring; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.			
Hardmess as Ca/Mg	2011	235	235 - 235	0	300	ppm	N	Naturally Occurring Calcium and Magnesium.			
Iron	2011	<.0510	<.0510 - <.0510	0	.3	ppm	N	Naturally Occurring element.			
Magnesium	2011	14.8	14.8 – 14.8	0	NA	ppm	N	Abundant Naturally Occurring element.			
Nickel	2011	.00108	.0010800108	0	NA	ppm	N	Erosion of Natural deposits.			
pН	2011	7.8	7.8 – 7.8	>7.0	>7.0	Units	N	Measure of corrosives in water.			
Sodium	2011	8.51	8.51 – 8.51	0	NA	ppm	N	Erosion of Natural Occurring Element.			
Sulfate	2011	13.5	13.5 – 13.5	0	300	ppm	N	Naturally Occurring; common industrial byproduct; byproduct of oil field activity.			
Total alkalinity as CaCO3	2011	213	213 - 213	0	NA	ppm	N	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.			
Total Dissolved Solids	2011	274	274 - 274	0	1000	ppm	N	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.			
Zinc	2011	.308	.308308	0	5	ppm	N	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element; used in the metal industry.			

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Violations Table			
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Steps to Correct Violation	ons		

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