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Ridgeland achieves maximum score for drinking water

(Ridgeland, Mississippi – Dec. 5, 2013) The City of Ridgeland earned the maximum score of 5 on the annual Mississippi State Department of Health’s inspection report of the city’s drinking water supply. The inspection was conducted Oct. 29, 2013. Ridgeland earned 5.0 out of 5.0 for overall capacity rating, technical, managerial and financial inspections. The report stated, “System officials and operators should be commended for the hard work they do to keep this system in good working order.”

John M. McCollum, director of Public Works said of the results, “Once again, I am pleased to report that the City of Ridgeland Water System has achieved a maximum score of 5 on our annual inspection conducted by the Mississippi State Department of Health. It is a concerted effort of the Public Works Department and Administration that makes this possible year in and year out.”

“Special thanks goes to Mark McManus, Operator of Record, Renee Buckner, Administrative Assistant, Chris Bryson, City Engineer, and Paula Tierce, Director of Finance and Administration/City Clerk and Staff. Also, I wish to thank the Mayor and Board for their support in making our drinking water system the best it can be.”

Mark McManus, certified waterworks operator and the City of Ridgeland Water/Sewer System Superintendent, said, “I would like to recognize Jason Jones and Donald Johnson who manage and monitor the wells and tanks on a daily basis. These guys go above and beyond to ensure safe drinking water.”

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The City of Ridgeland seeks to provide a safe and dependable supply of drinking water, and staff work consistently to protect water resources. McCollum adds, “The City has earned the top rating 11 out of the last 13 years. We are proud of our record of providing high quality drinking water to the residents of Ridgeland.”

A copy of the annual inspection report from the Mississippi State Department of Health may be viewed at www.RidgelandMS.org or at the City of Ridgeland Public Works Department, 304 Highway 51, Ridgeland, Mississippi. The City of Ridgeland produces an annual Water Quality Report brochure that is also available at www.RidgelandMS.org and at City Hall, 304 Highway 51. You may call the office for further information at 601-853-2027.

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