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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL KEESLER AFB DRINKING WATER CUSTOMERS

FROM: 81 TRW/CC

SUBJECT: Cover Letter for 2025 Keesler Consumer Confidence Report (Public Water System Identification Number 0240049)

1. The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as the Annual Water Quality Report, is required annually by the Environmental Protection Agency Consumer Confidence Rule. The rule requires public water suppliers that serve the same people year-round to provide consumers with the CCR by 1 July of each year. The CCR summarizes information regarding sources used (i.e., rivers, lakes, reservoirs, or aquifers), any detected contaminants, compliance and educational information. Specifically, your report lists what sources are used for your drinking water, what contaminants were detected during testing compared to allowable limits, and descriptions of any drinking water violations.
2. There were no violations for 2025. Your water meets all regulations for public water systems. All contaminant details are included in the attached report.
3. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Keesler AFB Bioenvironmental Engineering office at 228-376-0590.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Robinson", is positioned above the typed name.

CHRISTOPHER J. ROBINSON, Colonel, USAF
Commander

Consumer Confidence Report

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) for Keesler Air Force Base (KAFB) and the Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Where does my water come from?

Drinking water from Keesler AFB/Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System, which will be referred to as Keesler throughout the document, is pumped from the Lower Graham Ferry Aquifer, a groundwater source. All water provided to Keesler is pumped from wells located on base property. The water from the wells is mixed, treated, stored, and distributed. At Keesler, the only treatment performed on source water is the addition of chlorine and fluoride. Because of the limited chemical treatment, the analytical results for Keesler's drinking water are representative of its source water.

Is my water within standards?

Yes, the drinking water system at Keesler meets the required standards for both Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Mississippi State regulations.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

How is the water treated?

Your water is treated by chlorine disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectant to kill dangerous bacteria and microorganisms that may be in the water. Disinfection is one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

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 Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). 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 pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Those substance include microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife and inorganic contaminants. More information regarding these substances can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/ccl/types-drinking-water-contaminants>. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

Education is key to getting involved and understanding your drinking water. Additional information from the EPA is located/available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/>.

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

Cross Connection Control Survey

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)
- Underground lawn sprinkler system
- Pool or hot tub (whirlpool tubs not included)
- Additional source(s) of water on the property
- Decorative pond
- Watering trough

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Required Fluoride Information

To comply with the "Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies", Keesler is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year in which average fluoride sample results were within the optimal range of 0.6 – 1.2 parts per million (ppm) was 12. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar year that were within the optimal range of 0.6 - 1.2 ppm was 95%. The number of months samples were collected and analyzed in the previous calendar year was 12.

Lead and Copper Rule Revision Requirements

The EPA Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) was first introduced in 1991 to identify and reduce lead and copper in drinking water through corrosion control techniques and routine monitoring. The EPA recently revised the LCR to further reduce the risk of lead in drinking water. The revision requires water systems to: 1) identify drinking water service lines that are either lead or galvanized downstream of a lead line, and 2) implement a replacement plan for such service lines. Keesler has completed the Lead Service Line Inventory, and no lead lines were found. For more information on the installation lead service line inventory and replacement plan, contact Mr. Alfred Watkins at 228-547-3795 or via email at alfred.watkins@us.af.mil.

Lead Educational Statement

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. Keesler is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Maj Michael Palmer at 228-376-0590 or via email at dha.keesler.keesler-mdg.mbx.bio@health.mil. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl ₂) (ppm)	4	4	1.2	0.56	2.09	2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	6.8	NA	NA	2025	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	23.6	NA	NA	2025	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Arsenic (ppb)	00	10	2.2	NA	2.2	2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.215	0.002	0.215	2025	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source	
				Low	High				
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	1.7	NA	1.7	2025	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.02	0.601	1.02	2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	Your Water	Range		# Samples Exceeding AL	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source
				Low	High				
Inorganic Contaminants									
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.652	0.0102	0.652	0	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	00	15	5.4	0.5	5.4	0	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Violations and Exceedances

N/A

Undetected Contaminants

The following contaminants were monitored for, but not detected, in your water.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Violation	Typical Source
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (ppb)	200	200	ND	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (ppb)	3	5	ND	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	7	7	ND	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (ppb)	70	70	ND	No	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
1,2-Dichloroethane (ppb)	0	5	ND	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane (ppb)	0	5	ND	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
11-chloroeicosafiuoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid (11Cl-PF3OUdS) (ppb)	NA		ND	No	
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorodecane sulfonic acid (8:2FTS) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (4:2FTS) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (6:2FTS) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid (ADONA) (ppb)	NA		ND	No	
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanonane-1-sulfonic acid (9Cl-PF3ONS) (ppb)	NA		ND	No	
Antimony (ppb)	6	6	ND	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder; test addition.
Benzene (ppb)	0	5	ND	No	Discharge from factories; Leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
Beryllium (ppb)	4	4	ND	No	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; Discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium (ppb)	5	5	ND	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; Erosion of natural deposits;

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					Discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Carbon Tetrachloride (ppb)	0	5	ND	No	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
Chlorobenzene (monochlorobenzene) (ppb)	100	100	ND	No	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
Cyanide (ppb)	200	200	ND	No	Discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories; Discharge from steel/metal factories
Dichloromethane (ppb)	0	5	ND	No	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
Ethylbenzene (ppb)	700	700	ND	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Mercury [Inorganic] (ppb)	2	2	ND	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NEtFOSAA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NMeFOSAA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	ND	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	ND	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50	50	ND	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines
Styrene (ppb)	100	100	ND	No	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; Leaching from landfills
Tetrachloroethylene (ppb)	0	5	ND	No	Discharge from factories and dry cleaners
Thallium (ppb)	.5	2	ND	No	Discharge from electronics, glass, and Leaching from ore-processing sites; drug factories
Toluene (ppm)	1	1	ND	No	Discharge from petroleum factories

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Trichloroethylene (ppb)	0	5	ND	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Vinyl Chloride (ppb)	0	2	ND	No	Leaching from PVC piping; Discharge from plastics factories
Xylenes (ppm)	10	10	ND	No	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	70	70	ND	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO DA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
nonafluoro-3,6-dioxaheptanoic acid (NFDHA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
o-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	600	600	ND	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene (ppb)	75	75	ND	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
perfluoro(2-ethoxyethane)sulfonic acid (PFEEESA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid (PFMPA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluoro-4-methoxybutanoic acid (PFMBA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid (PFHpS) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluoropentanesulfonic acid (PFPeS) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Violation	Typical Source
perfluorotetradecanoic acid (PFTA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluorotridecanoic acid (PFTrDA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUnA) (mg/L)	NA		ND	No	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (ppb)	100	100	ND	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories

Additional Monitoring

As part of an on-going evaluation program the EPA has required us to monitor some additional contaminants/chemicals. Information collected through the monitoring of these contaminants/chemicals will help to ensure that future decisions on drinking water standards are based on sound science.

Name	Reported Level	Range	
		Low	High
11-chloroeicosafluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid (11Cl-PF3OUdS) (ppb)	NA	NA	NA
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorodecane sulfonic acid (8:2FTS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (4:2FTS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (6:2FTS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
4,8-dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid (ADONA) (ppb)	NA	NA	NA
9-chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanonane-1-sulfonic acid (9Cl-PF3ONS) (ppb)	NA	NA	NA
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NEtFOSAA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid (NMeFOSAA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO DA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
lithium (mg/L)	0.0383	NA	0.0383
nonafluoro-3,6-dioxaheptanoic acid (NFDHA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoro(2-ethoxyethane)sulfonic acid (PFEESA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid (PFMPA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoro-4-methoxybutanoic acid (PFMBA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorododecanoic acid (PFDoA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid (PFHpS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) (mg/L)	0.0077	NA	0.0077
perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoropentanesulfonic acid (PFPeS) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoropentanoic acid (PFPeA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluorotetradecanoic acid (PFTA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA

Name	Reported Level	Range	
		Low	High
perfluorotridecanoic acid (PFTrDA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA
perfluoroundecanoic acid (PFUnA) (mg/L)	NA	NA	NA

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)
mg/L	mg/L: Number of milligrams of substance in one liter of water
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

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.
TT	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
90th Percentile	Compliance with the lead and copper action levels is based on the 90th percentile lead and copper levels. This means that the concentration of lead and copper must be less than or equal to the action level in at least 90% of the samples collected.

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