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City of Ocean Springs Water System Receives Perfect Scores for Ninth Consecutive Year from MS Department of Health

Ocean Springs, MS— The City of Ocean Springs Water System has received a perfect rating from the Mississippi Department of Health. The scores are assigned separately across three categories: technical, managerial, and financial. Ocean Springs scored a perfect 5.0/5.0 in each category.

“Our system is one of the only systems in the state to receive this rating and the only one on the coast to receive it for nine consecutive years,” said Andre’ Kaufman, Director of Public Works. “It is a tribute to the dedicated employees of Public Works and the Water Billing Department at City Hall. I take great pride in the dedicated men and women who provide this quality of water, and the service we provide to our citizens.”

The Technical Capacity Assessment is based on technical reviews, including water treatment process functioning, and acceptable ranges of pH and various other minerals, such as chlorine and iron. The Managerial Capacity Assessment contains several review categories, including long-range improvements planning, acceptable written policies and operations procedures, and the review of an effective cross connection control program in compliance with Mississippi Department of Health regulations. The Financial Capacity Assessment considers city policies regarding handling delinquent accounts and routine reviews to adjust rates as appropriate.

“Our City water system is outstanding, and the Board of Aldermen and I congratulate our public works department and city hall staff for their excellent service to our residents,” said Mayor Connie Moran.