

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

GA 1770068 LEE COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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Source Water Information

SWA = Source Water Assessment

<u>Source Water Name</u>	<u>Type of Water</u>	<u>Report Status</u>	<u>Location</u>
BUCKSTON TRACE WELL	GW	ONLINE	1190 PHILEMA ROAD
CALLOWAY LAKES WELL	GW	ONLINE	394 MARTINDALE DRIVE
FUSSELL ROAD-GRAND ISLAND WELL	GW	ONLINE	331 FUSSELL ROAD
GLENDALE WELL	GW	ONLINE	271 CREEKSIDE DRIVE
HWY 19 WELL	GW	ONLINE	930 US HWY 19 SO
LOVERS LANE WELL	GW	ONLINE	LOVERS LANE ROAD
OAKLAND MEADOWS INDUSTRIAL PARK	GW	ONLINE	111 OAKLAND COURT
PALMYRA ROAD-CANUGA WELL	GW	ONLINE	3320 PALMYRA ROAD
QUAIL PINE S/D WELL	GW	ONLINE	167 QUAIL PINES DR
SPRINGDALE WELL	GW	ONLINE	185 ST CLAIR DRIVE

2024 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

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Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2024	1.3	1.3	0.16	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2024	0	15	1.5	1	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

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Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	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.
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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.
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Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2024	1	1 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride	2024	1.6	0 - 3.9	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2024	3	0 - 3	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Violations Table

Consumer Confidence Rule			
The Consumer Confidence Rule requires community water systems to prepare and provide to their customers annual consumer confidence reports on the quality of the water delivered by the systems.			
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
CCR ADEQUACY/AVAILABILITY/CONTENT	10/01/2022	2024	We failed to provide to you, our drinking water customers, an annual report that adequately informed you about the quality of our drinking water and the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.

Nitrate and nitrite [measured as Nitrogen]			
Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate and nitrite in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.			
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MONITORING, ROUTINE MAJOR	01/01/2024	12/31/2024	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

2024 CCR Supplemental Lead and Copper CCR Information

For GA 1770068 Water System

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Lead and Copper Range Data.

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Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	09/28/2022	12.3	12.3 - 12.3	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

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Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2024	0.21	0.21 - 0.21	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
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