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DeKalb County Assures Customers of Water Quality

EPD Lead Tests in Compliance

DECATUR, Ga. – The Department of Watershed Management (DWM) provides its customers with high quality, safe drinking water that surpasses the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requirements.

“Our thoughts are with all those who are struggling without access to safe and reliable water in their homes. No one should have to question the safety of water at the tap,” said DWM Director, Scott Towler.

The recent crisis in Flint, Michigan underscores DWM’s commitment to protect families served in DeKalb County. While DWM does not have first-hand knowledge about what occurred in Flint, one critical thing to note is that Flint, Michigan switched its water supply source.

DeKalb County’s water supply is located on the Chattahoochee River, which is located north of DeKalb County. Water is treated at the Scott Candler Water Treatment Plant and then distributed to DeKalb County customers.

Every three years, the EPD runs the analysis of the county’s water in a certified laboratory to assure an extra level of protection and compliance by its independent analysis. In 2015, the Georgia EPD Lab ran 50 water samples county-wide and DeKalb County was found to meet or exceed the Federal compliance lead levels.

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