

Consumer Confidence... Is There Such a Thing?

In today's world, confidence in the things we consume varies greatly. You're always hearing about this or that being found in our food chain or looking for foods that are organic, or non-GMO. Along with being told what is good and not good for our health we, as consumers, are also more aware of our environment and the role it plays in our overall health. This is why we may choose to live in such a great place as Sierraville.

I think we would all agree that one of the most important things we consume is water. This topic is always making news headlines, and surely is of supreme importance to our survival, be it quantity or quality. So how do you find out the quality of the water you consume in Sierraville? Well, it can be found in what is called an annual Consumer Confidence Report.

Consumer Confidence Reports are required to be published each year to let you know what is in, or what is not in, the water that the SPUD provides to your homes. The report is intended to be a short overview of the most important health aspects that the state and federal governments require us to look for in drinking water. Without going into great detail about everything that community water systems must test for in their drinking water, a Consumer Confidence Report brings to you the things that play a major role in your health, and does so in a fairly straight forward manner. Bacteria such as E-Coli and heavy metals like arsenic or mercury are tested at intervals required by standards set forth in the Safe Drinking Water act, as are a multitude of other constituents. The results from tests run by a certified lab are reported to the state, which in turn, makes sure that our water always meets these standards.

We are proud to say that we are "confident" that the water we deliver to you meets the standards of safe drinking water, and is reflected in the Consumer Confidence Report. You can find more information about requirements for testing our drinking water at: <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-regulations>

If you have a specific question, please contact a Board member or submit a question by choosing the "Contact Us" link from the Home Page.

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