



**Consumer Confidence Report - 2013  
Certification Form**  
*(to be submitted with a copy of the CCR)*

Water System Name: SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Water System Number: CA4310028

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on June 09-2014 (date) to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the Department of Public Health.

Certified by: Name: David Krack  
Signature: *David L. Krack*  
Title: EH&S Director  
Phone Number: ( 408 ) 924-1978 Date: June 09-2014

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- Posting the CCR on the Internet at **www.sjsu.edu/fdo/ehs/waterreport/**
- Mailing the CCR to postal patrons within the service area (attach zip codes used)
- Advertising the availability of the CCR in news media (attach copy of press release)
- Publication of the CCR in a local newspaper of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published)
- Posted the CCR in public places (attach a list of locations)
- Delivery of multiple copies of CCR to single-billed addresses serving several persons, such as apartments, businesses, and schools
- Delivery to community organizations (attach a list of organizations)
- For systems serving at least 100,000 persons: Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible internet site at the following address: **http://www.sjsu.edu/fdo/ehs/waterreport/**
- For privately-owned utilities: Delivered the CCR to the California Public Utilities Commission



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## Main Campus

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**Variances and Exemptions:** Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

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#### **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

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- *Pesticides and herbicides*, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
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establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

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**TABLE 1 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER**

Lead and Copper (and reporting units)	No. of samples collected	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile level detected	No. Sites exceeding AL	AL	MCLG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppm)	30 June 2012	0.0000	0	0.015	0.0002	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	30 June 2012	0.314	0	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

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**TABLE 2 - SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	1/30/12	31	N/A	none	none	Generally found in ground and surface water
Hardness (ppm)	1/30/12	379	N/A	none	none	Generally found in ground and surface water

**TABLE 3 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Aluminum (ppb)	1/30/12	ND	ND-160	1000	600	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Barium (ppb)	1/30/12	202	107-200	1000	(200)	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and From metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	1/30/12	ND	N/A	2	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate as nitrate, NO <sub>3</sub> (ppm)	6/10/13	26	18.5-28	45	45	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Selenium (ppb)	1/30/12	6.0	ND-6.3	50	50	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots (feed additive)
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**TABLE 4 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	1/30/12	50	N/A	250	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Specific Conductance(E.C) (umhos/cm)	1/30/12	820	N/A	900	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	1/30/12	55	N/A	250	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved solids (ppm)	1/30/12	528	N/A	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Zinc (ppb)	1/30/12	41	ND-250	5000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes

**TABLE 5 - DETECTION OF CYANIDE and Perchlorate CONTAMINANT**

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Cyanide (ppb)	1/30/12	ND	200	N/A
Perchlorate (ppb)	6/10/13	ND	6	N/A

"Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule- (DBPR) test results in calendar year 2013:

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**Disinfection: Total Chlorine residuals year 2013–Distribution System Running Annual Average: 1.13 ppm**

The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Regulation (UCMR) round 2 testing of organic chemicals were none detected at minimum reporting limit (<MRL).

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**Note: San Jose State University has served San Jose Water Company water throughout 2013 calendar year . Attached, please find the web-link**

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# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS BRANCH  
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## WATER QUALITY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PLAN

Name of System: San Jose State University System No.: 4310028

System Location: One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192 County: Santa Clara

The following persons have been designated to implement the plan upon notification by the State Department of Public Health that an imminent danger to the health of the water users exists:

	Name	Title	Day Phone	Evening Phone
1	David Krack	Director, EH&S	408-924-1978	510-209-5541
2	Chandra Gowda	EH&S Specialist	408-924-2152	408-317-8581
3	Regino.R. Garcia	Certified Water Quality Operator	408-924-1963	408-204-8512
4	Gary Tarnowski	Plumbing Supervisor	408-924-1963	408-924-1990
5	Adam Bayer	Director-PD&C, FD&O	408-924-1925	408-209-7946
6	David Holland	Owner, Lab Director - MBAS Lab - Address: 4 Justin Court, Suite D, Monterey, CA93940 USA	831-375-6227	831-277-1352
7	Sellen.A	MBAS Lab sampler	831-375-6227	831-277-1352

The implementation of the plan will be carried out with the following State and County Health Department personnel:

	Name	Title	Day Phone	Evening Phone
1	Eric Lacy	District Engineer	(510) 620-3453	(925)299-6936
2	Ryan Thissen	Associate Sanitary Engineer	(510) 620-3465	(209)481-6327
3	Greg Carmichael	Santa Clara County, Department of Environmental Health, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist	(408) 918-3496	(408)499-1108; (408) 299-2501

After reaching the Santa Clara County Emergency Communication Center, ask for the on-call Environmental Health personnel.

4. If the above personnel cannot be reached, contact:

The State Office of Emergency Services Warning Center (24 hrs.) (916) 845-8911 or (800) 852-7550. When reporting a water quality emergency to the Warning Center, please ask for the California Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Program Duty Officer.

### NOTIFICATION PLAN

Describe methods or combination of methods to be used (radio, television, door-to-door, sound truck, etc.). For each section of your plan, give an estimate of the time required, necessary personnel, estimated coverage, etc. Consideration must be given to special organizations, particularly non-English speaking groups and outlying water users. (Use the other side if necessary or attach additional pages.)

**In the event of emergency, combination of methods such as radio, telephone messages across the campus, television, e-mail messages etc. instantaneously will be used to communicate the problem and corrective action to the community.**

Report Prepared by: Chandra Gowda, EH&S Specialist

*Chandra Gowda*

2-7-2014

Signature and Title

Date