We are very pleased to provide you with the 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal has always been to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The source of your water is groundwater from one well located by the right side entrance. Below you will find information about regulated detections for the Murray Point water system that are reported by Richland County Utilities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system. Our source water assessment is available at the SCDHEC website [www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Water/SourceWaterProtection/mindex.htm](http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Water/SourceWaterProtection/mindex.htm). If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, or if you do not have internet access, please contact the Adam Frick at (803) 576-1380. We want you, our neighbors and valued customers, to be informed about your water utility. Customers may attend the regularly scheduled monthly county council meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 PM at 2020 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29201.

This report shows our water quality and what it means. Richland County Utilities routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes and chemicals. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It’s important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Lead: Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person’s total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced, or reduced. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from minerals and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Richland County Utilities is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791 or at [http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year.