

Dear Petersburg Water Customer,

It is time once again to publish our Consumer Confidence Report for the Petersburg Water Department. Recently a complete Engineering report of our facilities was performed by Midwestern Engineers to evaluate the general conditions of the public water supply facilities serving the City of Petersburg. All major components of the water system were addressed, including raw water supply, treatment, distribution and storage facilities. A recommended course of action was presented outlining improvements needed to be done to maintain the quality and reliability of the City's public water supply going forward. The study, and the improvement project fact sheet outlining the details of work to be done is available for review at City Hall in Petersburg.

The City submitted a grant request to the Department of Rural Development to fund the necessary improvements as determined necessary by the engineering report. The total project cost is estimated to be \$ 11,165,000. We were informed that because of our low water rates compared to our neighboring communities, as well as the national average water rates, we would not be eligible for grant funding, but instead a forty year loan with a very low, fixed interest rate. Federal grant dollars are steered to communities with much higher monthly water rates. It was determined by the City's financial advisor that at the completion of all of the improvements, the estimated average household bill will increase by less than \$ 9.00 per month. The final rates will be set once the project has been competitively bid, and the exact construction amounts are finalized.

We are pleased to offer the 2019 annual consumer confidence report outlining the quality of the City of Petersburg's water. We regularly test for over 80 known contaminants and we continue to test below any levels of concern. Once again, our water quality met or exceeded all health standards. We are very fortunate to have the Petersburg aquifer that provides a great supply of water and is much less costly to treat than surface water. Our water rates are, and will remain, less than surrounding communities. It is the City's intent to provide the best possible product, service and price for our customers; now and for many years to come.

If you have questions about your drinking water or this report, please contact Jeff Loveless, Water Treatment Plant Operator at 812-354-6835.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R.C. Klipsch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K".

R.C. Klipsch

Mayor