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**2019 JASPER DRINKING WATER TASTE & ODOR ISSUE
OUR WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK**

Jasper, AL - June 2019 - The unusual taste and odor recently present in Jasper's drinking water is caused by naturally occurring compounds produced by algae and similar types of microorganisms which inhabit the water source for the Jasper Water Works & Sewer Board's (JWWSB) water treatment plant on Mulberry Fork. We have found geosmin and 2-Methyl-Isoborneol (MIB) in our testing. These compounds are noticeable in drinking water when present even in extremely small concentrations. JWWSB continues to implement all available measures to minimize the impact of these compounds in the water it produces. The treated drinking water has exceeded all of the health-related regulatory requirements including no bacteriological contamination (E. coli and fecal coliform). JWWSB also continues to perform more water quality testing than required as a precaution to confirm the safety of the water produced at the treatment plant.

JWWSB staff continues to utilize all of the operational options and treatment processes available at the water treatment plant to reduce the geosmin and MIB concentrations in the treated water.

While the drinking water has remained safe throughout this taste and odor issue, JWWSB will continue to perform water quality testing and treatment to insure safe drinking water.