Alabama/Mississippi Section of AWWA
“2017 Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest”

“Do you have the best tasting water?”

Please see attached rules and regulations.

If interested in participating, please send your mailing information to receive a bottle for sample collection.

DEADLINE!!
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Rules and Regulations

1. Eligible Participants

- Water sample entries must be submitted by an Alabama or Mississippi Public Water Supply System.
- There should be no state or federal drinking water violations (MCL, monitoring, recordkeeping, etc.) for the previous calendar year.

2. Submission of Water Samples

- One entry per Public Water Supply.
- Samples must be submitted in containers supplied by Jaquice or Austin. Each sample should be clearly identified with the name of the water system and contact person.
- Samples should be collected no more than 48 hours prior to the contest and continuously stored at a temperature between 40°F and 70°F. Samples will be served at room temperature and should be submitted at room temperature.
- Operators shall collect the sample in a properly cleaned container; from a customer’s tap that is free from any point of use devices such as filters or water softeners, etc.
- When sampling from the tap, remove any screens, aerators, or treatment devices and minimize turbulence. Flush tap for at least 5 minutes. Reduce the flow rate during sampling. Rinse the bottle with the sample, and then fill it to the top, with no headspace.
- Water samples shall be submitted in person at the AWWA registration booth by 9:00 a.m. local time, the day of the contest (Monday, October 16, 2017).

3. Judges

The water tasting contest will be judged by a panel of water industry representatives and general public. They are as follows:

- Past AL/MS Section AWWA President
- National AWWA Representative
- Representative from a Alabama or Mississippi regulatory agency
- Representative from the Local Media
- Other

Depending on availability, judges may be altered the day of the competition.

4. Contest Categories

All water samples will be judged in a single category.

5. Contest Judging

Samples will be presented to the judges anonymously and in random order.

- Each judge will be given one 8 oz. water sample. Water samples will be judged by taste on a 10-point scale from Good (1) to Best (10).
- In case of a tie, additional water samples will be presented to the judges for final selection.
- The water sample with the highest cumulative score will be the winner and shall be declared the “Best Drinking Water in Alabama/Mississippi 2017”.
- Only the winning sample will be announced. Samples will not be ranked, nor will scores be released. The AL/MS Section winner will be nominated to compete in the National AWWA Water Taste Test at the next AWWA Annual Conference, if the winner meets the National AWWA eligibility requirements.

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