



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

December 16, 2016

Dear Public Water System Administrator:

The new Safe Drinking Water (SDW) Fee enacted by Act 605 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature becomes effective January 1, 2017.

*"The fee shall be collected from each consumer by the community system provider in not less than quarterly installments and remitted to the department, in quarterly payments minus five percent per metered connection or account to be retained by the community system provider for administrative costs for the collection of the fee."*

The attached invoice reflects a quarterly bill for the first three months of 2017. The current fee has been increased from \$3.20 per connection per year for community water systems to \$12.00 per connection per year minus five percent per connection to be retained by the water system. The water system will remit monies the month after the quarterly billing/collection period. The due date for the first quarter will be April 30, 2017. Thereafter, water systems will be invoiced quarterly.

Please note that with the increase of the SDW fee, additional services will be provided to water systems at no additional costs. Beginning January 1, 2017, the Safe Drinking Water Program will reinstate the bacteriological sample collection program for all public water systems statewide. Additionally, the Safe Drinking Water Program will begin to collect and analyze the total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and haloacetic acids (HAA5) samples for water systems statewide.

Should you have any questions, please free to contact the Safe Drinking Water Program at 225-342-7499.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Laughlin".

Amanda Laughlin, P.E.  
Chief Engineer