

Around Town

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De Queen Mayor

The City of De Queen's Water Department recently received the results of a Public Water Supply Sanitary Survey conducted by the Arkansas Department of Health.

The report is a detailed look at every aspect of the city's water system, including treatment capacity and demand. De Queen's water system received good marks in the report. The inspector wrote in the report, "the overall utility system was found to be in good condition and well operated."

According to the report, the city's water treatment plant can produce about 4 million gallons of finished water per day. That is the amount that intake pumps can deliver to the treatment plant on Bennett Street. The system can store another 4.6 million gallons of treated water that can be used to meet spikes in demand.

Here are a few facts about the performance of De Queen's water system during the year which just ended.

De Queen's water system treated a total of 894 million gallons of water during 2006. That's an average of 74.5 million gallons each month, or 2.4 million gallons per day.

The greatest demand last year occurred on July 18, 2006, when the treatment plant produced just a little more than 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period.

The water treatment plant ran a total of 6,120.6 hours in 2006. That's an average running time of 16.7 hours per day.

With the addition of a generator at the high lift station on Stilwell Avenue last summer, the system is now able to produce and distribute water even if electrical power is interrupted. The addition of another generator at the water treatment plant this year will further protect the water system.