

Department of Public Safety & Corrections  
State of Louisiana

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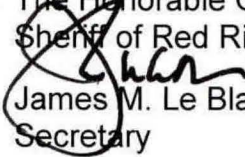


JAMES M. LE BLANC  
SECRETARY

December 4, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Glen Edwards  
Sheriff of Red River Parish

**FROM:**   
James M. Le Blanc  
Secretary

**RE:** "Basic Jail Guidelines" Monitoring Report

Please see the attached monitoring report regarding the Basic Jail Guidelines (BJG) annual inspection that was conducted at Red River Parish Jail on September 28, 2023. The facility continues to provide a secure, safe, and stable environment for DOC inmates in their custody. At this time DPS&C will continue with annual monitoring visits.

Thank you for your support of the BJG process.

JML/mk

Attachment

c: Mike Ranatza, Executive Director, Louisiana Sheriffs' Association  
Jeremy Ables, Warden, Red River Parish Jail  
Seth Smith, Chief of Operations  
Michele Dausat, Warden, DWCC  
Roderick Malcolm, BJG Team Leader



# BJG MONITORING REPORT

Annual

Rev. 08/01/2022 mwk

**Facility Name:** Red River Parish Jail  
**BJG Team Leader & Monitors:** Colonel Roderick Malcolm, BJG Team Leader, (NW Region)  
Asst. Warden Tyrone Mays, BJG Team Leader, (NE Region)  
**Facility Warden & Email Address:** Jeremy Ables, Warden; Email: [j.ables@redriverparishsheriff.org](mailto:j.ables@redriverparishsheriff.org)  
**Facility Staff:** Lt. Scott  
**BJG Inspection Date:** September 28, 2023  
**Previous BJG Inspection Date:** September 29, 2022  
**Operational Capacity:** 76  
**Count on Day of Visit:** 62

**Concerns or Issues from the previous BJG Monitoring Inspection:**

	# MALE	# FEMALE	TOTAL
Number of DOC Offenders	25	0	25
Number of Local Offenders	37	0	37
Number of Out of State Offenders	0	0	0
Number of Federal Offenders	0	0	0
Number of ICE Detainees	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>

**Number of DOC Offenders that are:**

Single Bunked \_\_\_\_\_ **7**  
Double Bunked \_\_\_\_\_ **18**  
Triple Bunked \_\_\_\_\_ **0**  
**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ **25**

**Number of DOC Offenders that are in Restricted Housing:**

Single Bunked \_\_\_\_\_ **0**  
Double Bunked \_\_\_\_\_ **0**  
Triple Bunked \_\_\_\_\_ **0**  
**Total** \_\_\_\_\_ **0**

**ASSAULTS:** (Please list monthly since the previous BJJ monitoring visit.)

Month/Year	Off/Off	Off/Off w/sig inj	Offender/Staff	Off/Staff w/sig inj
September 2022	0	0	1	0
October 2022	1	0	0	0
November 2022	1	0	0	0
December 2022	1	0	0	0
January 2023	1	0	0	0
February 2023	0	0	0	0
March 2023	0	0	0	0
April 2023	0	0	0	0
May 2023	2	0	0	0
June 2023	0	0	0	0
July 2023	1	0	0	0
August 2023	1	0	0	0

**SEIZURE FINDINGS:** (Please list monthly since the previous BJJ monitoring visit.)

Month/Year	Illicit Substance	Alcohol	Weapon	Cell Phone	Other
September 2022	0	0	0	0	1
October 2022	0	0	0	0	2
November 2022	0	0	0	0	3
December 2022	0	0	0	0	2
January 2023	0	0	0	0	1
February 2023	0	0	1	0	1
March 2023	0	0	0	0	1
April 2023	0	0	0	0	5
May 2023	0	0	0	0	2
June 2023	0	0	0	0	3
July 2023	0	0	0	0	2
August 2023	0	0	0	0	3

**GENERAL APPERANCE, CLEANLINESS, AND COMMENTS OF THE FACILITY:**

**Living Area:**

- **Dorms**  
There are no open dormitories in this facility.
- **Cell Block**  
The cell blocks and individual cells were clean, organized, and odor free. Inmate's property was neatly stored and the cells were clutter free.

**Culinary/Dining:**

All meals are served in the cellblock common area. The areas used for dining are kept clean and the proper procedures are followed for food preparation.

**Bathrooms:**

All bathrooms were inspected during the walkthrough and were clean and operational. Daily temperature logs are kept to monitor the water temperatures of the lavatories/showers. Cells are equipped with handicap accessible toilets and sink basins. Handicap accessible showers are readily available.

**Yard Areas:**

The exercise yard was secure and free of debris. Staff constantly monitors the inmates during yard recreation.

**Maintenance:**

Overall maintenance at this facility is good. The Red River Parish maintenance crew performs all maintenance and all related tools are stored at their facility. The facility uses an efficient work order system. Facility wide inspections are performed daily to identify maintenance needs. Requests and repair records are well organized and properly maintained in the files.

**REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING BASIC JAIL GUIDELINES:** (Compliant or Non-Compliant)

- I-A-001 Safety/Sanitation/Inspections (MANDATORY): Compliant**  
File documentation indicates that inspections are conducted daily. The inspections checklist reflects that all necessary safety, security and sanitation issues are monitored. The DHH and FM inspections are conducted as required and documentation is maintained in the files. See attached reports for deficiencies and corrective actions taken. Current DHH Retail Food (09/18/2023), DHH (06/07/2023), and FM (07/06/2023). The Fire Marshal has been contacted and is scheduled to visit Red River to update the FM inspection report. Inspections are in file. See reports for noted deficiencies.
- I-C-001 Emergency Plan (MANDATORY): Compliant**  
A current Emergency Plan has been approved by the FM. Staff members that were questioned regarding emergency policy/procedure were knowledgeable. File documentation reflects that all staff is trained.
- I-C-003 Fire Safety/Code Conformance (MANDATORY):**  
This facility is in compliance with the Fire Marshal Requirements and current FM reports were in file.
- II-A-006 Staff Log (MANDATORY):**  
Staff logs of pertinent information (i.e., shift activity, daily events, deputy/supervisor rounds, etc.) were reviewed and found in order. Logs are maintained in the file in accordance with this guideline.
- II-A-007 Counts (MANDATORY): Compliant**
- How many formal counts are conducted each shift? One per shift
  - How many counts are conducted each day? 4
  - How does the facility accomplish this? Visual head count is conducted by staff in the area where the inmate is assigned to work at.
  - Does this process insure accountability and safe/secure operation of the facility?  
Yes
- II-A-008 Offender Population Management System: Compliant**  
Documentation in the files reviewed reflects compliance with respect to inmate management. If an inmate is transferred to another local facility or DPS&C Facility, all records are transferred with them.
- II-A-010 Admissions: Compliant**  
Current policy and procedure are in place. Admission forms are thorough and completed properly. Documentation is properly placed in inmate files
- II-A-012 Classification System: Compliant**  
Does this facility have any trustees that work outside the secure perimeter? (Yes or No) Yes  
If yes,
- What is their classification process to determine who is eligible for trustee status?

They use the same criteria as DOC.

- Does their classification process meet DPS&C, Corrections Services' criteria? Yes

II-A-016

**Photo Identification (MANDATORY):**

All inmates receive a photo identification card upon reception. Documentation is in file.

II-A-018

**Offender Drug Testing (MANDATORY):** (List monthly since the previous BJJ monitoring visit.)

Month/Year	# DOC Tested	Total DOC Pop	% Tested	# Positive
September 2022	5	26	21	0
October 2022	5	24	21	0
November 2022	6	30	20	0
December 2022	5	30	17	0
January 2023	5	28	18	0
February 2023	5	27	19	0
March 2023	5	22	23	0
April 2023	5	26	19	0
May 2023	6	26	23	0
June 2023	5	24	21	0
July 2023	5	21	24	0
August 2023	5	25	20	0

II-A-019

**Offender Transfers:**

Proper notification is made when inmates are transferred to another facility within guidelines. Proper documentation is maintained.

II-A-020

**Cell Checks (MANDATORY):**

Per policy, staff checks all cells at least every two (2) hours. Documentation is maintained.

II-B-002-1

**Use of Restraints for Pregnant Inmates: Non-Applicable.**

There are no female inmates housed at this facility.

II-C-001

**Procedures for Searches: Compliant**

This facility has sufficient number of staff to conduct routine shakedowns in housing units. Visual body cavity searches are conducted on all inmates returning from an outside work detail, and also upon initial intake. Routine pat searches are also conducted on a daily bases.

II-D-001

**Key, Tool, and Utensil Control (MANDATORY): Compliant**

Facility does not maintain tools on premises. Repairs are performed by the parish maintenance dept. & they use their own tools. A thorough review of inventories & checkout logs revealed no related issues. Key & utensil control is excellent. Staff questioned regarding policy & procedures are well versed. Facility maintains an excellent accountability system on all keys & utensils.

III-A-001

**Rules and Discipline (MANDATORY):**

- Does the facility's offender orientation include the application process for applying for restoration of good time? **Yes.**
- What is their restoration of good time application process for the offender population? **Inmate will submit a request for restoration of good time. Warden Ables will review and approve. The Warden will forward it to DOC for processing.**
- Does their restoration of good time application process meet DPS&C, Corrections Services' criteria? **Yes.**

- IV-A-003 Food/Dietary Allowances (MANDATORY):**  
Licensed Dietitian Rhoda Bethard License # (869) expires (08/31/2024). Approves all cycle menus.
- IV-A-006 Food Services Management (MANDATORY):**  
Facility has a policy in place for food service. Meal times are in accordance with this policy and never vary as a form of discipline. All inmates receive one (1) cold, and two (2) hot meals per day.
- IV-B-001 Plumbing Fixtures – Toilets & Washbasins (MANDATORY):**  
All inmates have access to toilets and wash basins with temperature controlled hot/cold water at all times.
- IV-B-002 Plumbing Fixtures – Showers (MANDATORY):**  
All inmates are able to shower every day. Water temperature logs indicate compliance with water temperature requirements.
- IV-B-005 Personal Hygiene (MANDATORY):**  
Documentation reflects that indigent inmates are provided with personal hygiene items as needed at no cost to them.
- IV-C-001 Access to Care/Clinical Services (MANDATORY) (Does the facility charge a co-payment? If so, approved by DPS&C?): **Compliant****  
Inmates are charged the following DOC approved medical co-payments: \$10.00 for medical/psychiatric services. \$5.00 for Rx. Inmates have access to medical services at this facility regardless of their ability to pay. Wyche Taylor Coleman Jr. MD License # MD.015031 Exp; 07/31/2024, is the facilities HCA. Dana Moseley License # RN 123295 Exp; 01/31/2024 is the facility RN.
- IV-C-003 Provision of Treatment (MANDATORY):**  
Appropriate licensed staff have current license and agreement letters are in file to provide medical, dental, and everyday services to the inmates' population.
- IV-C-005 24 Hour Care (MANDATORY):**  
Medical personnel are on call and available 24 hours a day. In the event of a medical emergency, inmates are transported to Ochsner/LSU-Shreveport, and if life threatening, may use Christus Care Center.
- IV-C-006-1 Pregnancy Management (MANDATORY): **Non-Applicable.****  
There are no female inmates housed at this facility.
- IV-C-008 Annual TB Testing: **Compliant****  
TB testing is conducted with no cost to the inmates, on all inmates upon reception and annually as required. File documentation reflects compliance with this guideline.
- IV-C-009 Chronic Care Program (MANDATORY):**  
Only inmates who are stable through use of maintenance medications are housed at this facility. All others are transferred to a DOC facility.
- IV-C-012 Access to Sick Call (MANDATORY): **Compliant****  
Inmates can submit sick call requests 5 days per week, with exception of holidays. Facility RN examines inmates the same day, and inmates are referred to the facility physician, Dr. Coleman as necessary. He will refer to the Red River Parish Health Unit and/or Red River

Parish MH Clinic if needed. Inmates requiring emergency medical services are transported to University Health in Shreveport and/or Christus Coushatta Health Care Center.

- IV-C-013 Infirmiry Care: Non-Applicable**  
Facility does not manage inmates requiring 24-hour infirmiry care. Proper screening forms are completed on all inmates upon intake and placed in their medical file. If an inmate needs medical/MH care that the jail cannot provide, they are transferred to an appropriate DOC facility.
- IV-C-013-1 Medical Releases** (Medical Parole, Medical Treatment Furlough, and/or Compassionate Release):  
Compliant. Policies and procedures are in place related to medical releases according to DPS&C guidelines. Documentation of any such occurrence is maintained.
- IV-C-014 Suicide Prevention and Intervention (MANDATORY): Compliant**  
The facility has a good suicide prevention and intervention program in place. The program has been approved by the HCA. File documentation reflects that all staff members have been trained.
- IV-C-015 Offender Deaths (MANDATORY):**  
Current policy in place. Staff are aware of reporting requirements. There were no inmate deaths during this reporting period.
- IV-C-016 Notification:**  
Policies and procedures are in place related to notification of family and visitation with an inmate admitted to an ICU or trauma center according to DPS&C guidelines. Documentation of any such occurrence is maintained.
- IV-D-001 Healthcare Quarterly Meetings (MANDATORY):**  
Quarterly meetings are conducted and documentation is in file.
- IV-D-004 Confidentiality of Health Information/Individual Health Record: Compliant**  
Inmate medical records are maintained and remain in a locked area that is accessible only to staff having legal authority. Inmate medical files are forwarded to the receiving facility upon transfer of an inmate. Completed consent and refusal forms are in file.
- IV-D-006-1 Emergency Assessment for Intoxication or Suspected Intoxication (MANDATORY):**  
Policy and procedure are in place. Any inmate suspected of intoxication is immediately seen by medical staff to assess if symptoms are medically induced or drug induced. Both deputies and medical staff have necessary training and documentation is in file.
- IV-D-007 Internal Review/Quality Assurance (MANDATORY):**  
Facility has a policy in place that has been approved by the HCA. Signed copy is in file. Evaluations are maintained on file for each inmate.
- IV-E-001 Alleged and Substantiated Sexual Assaults:**  
Inmate medical records are maintained and remain in a locked area that is accessible only to staff having legal authority. Inmate medical files are forwarded to the receiving facility upon transfer of an inmate. Completed consent and refusal forms are in file.
- V-A-004 Religious Programs:**  
Religious services were available to all of the inmate population; however, this has been suspended since March 2020. There has been no request for Religious Diets or accommodations made from the inmate population.

- V-A-005 Exercise & Recreation Access (MANDATORY):**  
Inmates have access to ample exercise space and recreation opportunities seven (7) days a week for one (1) hour a day. Logbooks indicate compliance.
- V-B-001 Programs and Services:**  
This facility does not offer any CTRP programs at this time.
- V-B-002 Educational Programming:  
GED Program**
- |                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Number of GED Slots       | <u>8</u> |
| Number of Participants    | <u>0</u> |
| YTD Number of Completions | <u>0</u> |
- V-B-003 Substance Abuse Programs:**  
If necessary, this facility will transfer inmates who want to participate in substance abuse programs.
- V-C-001 Releasing Inmate Compliant**  
Inmates receive all needed medications, community resource information, and property upon release. Release packets are maintained in file.
- V-C-002 Regional Reentry Programs (Are inmates releasing with two valid forms of identification?):**  
A discharge packet was reviewed and found to be compliant with this guideline. Documentation is on file.
- V-C-004 Parole Board Procedures:**  
Policies and procedures are in place related to the presence of the Warden and his/her designees at the Parole Board hearings. Documentation of any such occurrence is maintained.
- VI-B-002 Grievance Process (MANDATORY):**
- Does grievance process include two levels of review?  
**Yes.**
  - Who are the designees at each level?  
**The designee at the first level is (Lt. Scott) and the designee for the second level is Warden Jeremy Ables.**
  - What is the specified time period for response at each level?  
**The specified time period for the First Level is (2) days; and, the Second Level is (14) days.**
- VII-A-002 Weapons Training: Compliant**  
Deputies receive appropriate training & qualifications are required annually. Facility maintains excellent training documentation.
- VII-B-010 Monthly Reporting: Compliant**  
This facility regularly submits complete and accurate monthly reports on time.
- VII-B-012 Proposed Expansions: Compliant**  
No proposed expansions at this time.



**STAFF COMMENTS/MORALE/GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:**

In this small, tight knit facility, staff members assist each other so that the operation runs smoothly. Initial and ongoing training of personnel is completed in accordance with policy and documentation is in the file. Staff members questioned during the walk-thru inspection were knowledgeable regarding policy and procedure. The staff morale was excellent and no one expressed any concerns.

**OFFENDER COMMENTS/MORALE/QUALITY OF LIFE:**

Inmates incarcerated at this facility appear to be polite and well mannered. Inmate/staff interactions observed were polite and respectful toward each other. I spoke with several inmates during the walkthrough inspection and none of them expressed any negative comments about their conditions of confinement or the food served.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This facility was found to operate very efficiently. Red River consistently remains in compliance with the Basic Jail Guidelines. The level of dedication and professionalism of the staff members is exceptional. Based on the walk-through of the facility and the review of the BJG, annual monitoring is recommended at this time.



John Bel Edwards  
GOVERNOR

## Office of State Fire Marshal

8181 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(225) 925-4911 (800) 256-5452 Fax (225) 925-4241



Daniel H. Wallis  
FIRE MARSHAL

### Inspection Report

Report # CB-23-004895-2

Deficient/Cautionary Codes cited.

Location Information			
Inspection Type	Compliance Building Inspection	Inspection Date	7/6/2023 4:25:00 PM
Structure ID	18854	No. of Buildings	2
Capacity	76	Facility Code	J169
		Year Built	1982
		Construction Type	Type IIA / (111)
Building/Trade Name		Address	
RED RIVER PARISH JAIL		615 EAST CARROLL, COUSHATTA, LA 71019	
Owner Information			
Owner Type	Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email
Municipal Project	JEREMY ABLES	(318) 932-4221	JABLES@REDRIVERPARISHSHERIFF.ORG
Address			
PO BOX 709, COUSHATTA, LA 71019			
Tenant Information			
Name	Suite Number	Floor Number	Square Footage
Occupancy Details			
Occupancy Type	Details		
Institutional	INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING TYPE: GROUP I-3 (DETENTION/CORRECTION); DETENTION/CORRECTION FACILITY TYPE: CONDITION 4		
Deficient and Cautionary Items			Status
1	Per the current edition of the Fire Marshal's Act, LAC 55V:1701 effective 8/1/2021, all detention and correctional occupancies in the State of Louisiana shall be inspected by the Office of State Fire Marshal at least annually. The inspection date on this report shall serve as the annual inspection for this facility.		CAUTIONARY
Comments			
NO APPARENT DEFICIENCIES AT TIME OF INSPECTION. ACCEPTABLE FOR STATE LICENSE, OCCUPANCY AND USE.			
Inspector Information			
Name: Jeremy Neal	Badge Number: 739	Inspector Signature: <i>Jeremy Neal</i>	
Person to whom requirements were explained			
Name: Jeremy Ables	Title: Warden	Signature: <i>Jeremy Ables</i>	

For questions regarding the contents of this report, please call: (225) 587 5656

R. S. 40: 1621 Whoever fails to comply with any order issued by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative under any provision of Part III, Chapter 7, Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 40:1569 excepted shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned, for more than six months or both. Each day's violation of an order constitutes a separate offense and may be punished as such at the discretion of court.



STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Retail Food  
Notice of Violations

Routine/Renewal

Permit Number 41-0001045-1	Permit Name RED RIVER PARISH JAIL Kitchen	
Name of Establishment RED RIVER PARISH JAIL	Owner Name RED RIVER PARISH JAIL	
Address 615 E CARROLL ST PO BOX 375 COUSHATTA, LA 71019	Date 09/18/2023	Time 09:45 AM

LAC TITLE 51 PART XXIII

CRITICAL ITEMS: These items MUST BE CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY (see compliance schedule below). Repeat violations may lead to enforcement actions or permit suspensions.		
Category	Code Reference	Description of Violations
CROSS CONTAMINATION	1705	25 - 1705 - Raw animal food is not separated from ready to eat food, or is placed, stored or displayed above ready to eat food. EGGS STORED ABOVE RTE FOODS [COS]

Comments:

REPORT ACKNOWLEDGED BY SGT. BRIAN KELLOGG - ASST WARDEN  
COPY OF REPORT EMAILED TO [jables@redriverparishsheriff.org](mailto:jables@redriverparishsheriff.org)  
\*\*NO SIGNATURE DUE TO FIELD TABLET ISSUES

NOTICE RS 40:31.38 (ACT 66)

RS 40:31.38 (ACT 66) authorizes the Louisiana Department of Health to charge a fee of \$150 to any permitted facility that fails to correct the necessary sanitary code violations to be in compliance at the time of its follow up inspection (1st re-inspection). Re-inspections are required when there are five or more uncorrected non-critical violations and/or one or more uncorrected critical violations remaining at the conclusion of an inspection. The fee is only charged if the necessary violations are not corrected before the 2nd re-inspection and other subsequent re-inspections. Facilities can avoid this fee if the violations noted on the routine inspection report are corrected by, or during, the follow up inspection. If a fee is assessed, the \$150 fee is payable within 30 days' notice, and failure to pay shall result in revocation of the permit.

Sanitarian Name/Print Anthony Thomas	Phone # 318-932-4087	Sanitarian Signature _____	R.S. # 1845
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The above mentioned violations were called to my attention and were explained to me in detail. I hereby agree to

Correct Critical Violations by

Correct Non-Critical Violations by

Signature of Recipient

Name/Title

SGT BRIAN KELLOGG - ASST. WARDEN



**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Detention or Incarceration  
Notice of Violations**

Routine Renewal

Permit Number 41-01-224	Permit Name Red River Parish Jail-224		
Name of Establishment Red River Parish Jail-224		Owner Name	
Address 615 E CARROLL ST COUSHATTA, LA 71019	Date 06/07/2023	Time 10:00 AM	

**LAC TITLE 51 PART XVIII**

NON-CRITICAL ITEMS: These items should be corrected by the next regular inspection or according to the compliance schedule (see below) established by this office.		
Category	Code Reference	Description of Violations
Handwashing Lavatories	101	16 - The hand lavatory is in disrepair. ALPHA & BRAVO PODS - SEVERAL CELLS HAVE LOW PRESSURE HOT WATER; CHARLIE POD CELL#72 COLD WATER NOT WORKING

**Comments:**

COPY OF REPORT EMAILED TO [jables@redriverparishsheriff.org](mailto:jables@redriverparishsheriff.org)

Number Licensed For 76	Number in Attendance 50	License Anniversary 03/31/2023
Sanitarian Name Print Anthony Thomas	Phone # 318-932-4087	Sanitarian Signature 
		R.S. # 1845

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Name/Title  
JEREMY ABLES - WARDEN

Glen Edwards  
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318/932-4221

## **Red River Parish Jail**

P.O. Box 375  
Coushatta La 71019



Jeremy Ables  
Warden  
318/271-3631

To: Col R. Malcolm  
Re: Corrective Action

As Per your findings on September 26, 2023 which indicated that the Hand Lavatory is in disrepair in Alpha and Bravo Pods and that Cell #72 Cold Water was not working, the following action was taken.

Parts required to fix the lavatory in Alpha and Bravo Pod as well as the blender required to repair Cell 72 were ordered and installed prior to 10/4/2023. All other maintenance issues that have arisen since that time have been handled in a timely manner and as of today's date there is no reported issues with any of these areas.

The Red River Jail in cooperation with the Red River Police Jury maintenance staff will continue to monitor and repair any issues that arise.

Since the time of the audit the issues pertaining to the city water issues have been minimized and water pressure has remained steady since that time. There are minor repairs still happening to the overall water system but all major leaks seem to have been located and corrected

Thank You

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Ables", written over a horizontal line.

Capt J. Ables

Warden

Red River Parish Jail



# RED RIVER PARISH

## *Police Jury*

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October 2, 2023

To whom it may concern,

The year of 2021 through September 2023 the Town of Coushatta started experiencing outages of water and water pressures due to leaks on the system which affected the Red River Parish Jail and other infrastructures. There were multiple outages, low pressure instances and boil advisories.

Sincerely,

Jessie Davis  
Red River Parish Police Jury  
Parish Manager

Committee Meeting - 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting directly after the Committee Meeting.  
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER - A DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

**Attention: Coushatta Water System customers**

**Hand delivered: 1/27/2023**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**COUSHATTA WATER SYSTEM Failed to Take Corrective Action Following Identification of a Significant Deficiency**

On 09/08/2022 the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) performed a detailed inspection and engineering evaluation of our water system called a sanitary survey. During this sanitary survey, they identified one or more significant deficiencies in our system. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. According to EPA's Ground Water Rule, we were required to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies) or work with the State to develop a plan to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies). However, we failed to correct the deficiency or contact the State before the established deadline and have therefore violated a requirement of the Ground Water Rule.

**What should I do?**

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified with 24 hours.

This significant deficiency has the potential to result in lack of proper treatment and oversight of the water system. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination or other health threats related to our source water, we are still committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the threat of contamination.

**What was done?**

The repair work on the casing plate at Well number 8 has been completed. The repairs to the portions of fencing at Well number 1 and at the Ground Storage has not been completed due to the on-going construction project at the sites.

For more information, please contact Dr. Johnny Cox at (318)932-4312, PO Box 531, Coushatta, LA. 71019

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**CERTIFIED TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM  
CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUED COMPLIANCE**

Facility: Red River Parish Jail

Date: September 28, 2023

Name of Program: High School Equivalency Program

Date of Program Implementation: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Primary Area of Service Provided:

- Education
- Job Skill Training
- Values Development and Faith Based Initiatives
- Treatment Programs
- Miscellaneous

Program has been certified by DPS&C  Yes  No

Program application process is consistent with DPS&C existing assessment and classification system?  Yes  No

Has Program Curriculum changed during preceding 12 months?  Yes  No

Is there an objective method used to assess completion?  Yes  No

Detailed records are maintained on the following:

- All Inmates who apply.  Yes  No
- Number of Inmates accepted.  Yes  No
- Number and type of services provided.  Yes  No
- Inmate's completion/termination from program.  Yes  No

Is there a formal graduation ceremony for those who complete the program?  Yes  No

The CTRP referenced above continues to meet necessary criteria to maintain its certification by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

*Roderick Malcolm*  
Roderick Malcolm, Colonel  
NW Region BJC Team Member

*28 September 2023*  
Date: