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March 25, 2025

U.S. Congressman Michael Guest  
3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, Mississippi  
308 B East Government Street  
Brandon, MS 39042

Dear Congressman Guest,


We are thankful that you considered our request in 2024 to fund the much-needed Water Well and Drinking Water Treatment System Project for the Town of Sandersville. This continues to be the most critical need for our town's drinking water system. We understand that the Continuing Resolution currently before Congress does not include any Community Project Funding (CPF). Therefore, we request that you consider our project again for FY 2026 for appropriation of funds through CPF. The total estimated cost of our project is adjusted to \$2.6 million to account for more recent local pricing increases. Should the grant be awarded, the Town is committed to the completion of the project and the 20% match required for the program.

As noted in our previous request, the Town has continued to work diligently to upgrade our water system, as funding allows. We recently completed an upgrade to one of our two water wells using CDBG funds. During this project, however, we uncovered unforeseen issues with what we call our "good" well. The well screen was severely plugged, and the pump casing had deteriorated. We have cleaned the well screen and have made many improvements to this well's controls and chemical feed system, but we are currently using a temporary rental pump as the main well pump for the Town's system. We are working towards replacing this well pump with a permanent pump in the near future.

Even with the ongoing problems with our primary well, the proposed project that we are requesting funding on is still on our second well. We are constantly receiving complaints due to the poor-quality water that this well produces any time we have to switch to this well. Please find attached letters from residents and previous news coverage. We have also included updated recent Facebook posts from local residents that have been posted since our request last year. The citizens are unhappy with and even fearful of the water produced from our second water well, and they deserve better.

We continue to look to you and the possible funding through appropriations as the only feasible option to fund this much needed project. I hope that you will give the Town of Sandersville every consideration as you evaluate our appropriations request.

Sincerely,



C. Robert White, Mayor  
Town of Sandersville

Facebook Posts from Town Residents  
(June 7, 2024 / Jan. 1, 2025 / Jan. 27, 2025)

**Sandersville MS Neighborhood**

Stacy Farmer · Jun 7, 2024 · 🧑🏿‍🦱



Im just curious if the water has gotten worse in anybody's home. Mine is horrific at this point.



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**Sook Cranford**

We should not have to buy filters....I buy bottled water 3 cases and 2 gallon and that's enough plus 30 something every month but I'll sign a petition

6w Like Reply

**Don Yelverton**

Ours is not I have spent so much money on bottled water I have grandbabies come to visit alot and I can't even bathe them in it and very concerned about drinking it I know it has been worse because my bottles water bill is crazy it feels slime like you can't get your hands clean when you wash them and I can't get clothes clean I use every kind of smell good and they smell better but look like I wash in a Mudd whole my bran new washer is already making noises and the clean your machine come up twice a week I just don't know what to do

6w Like Reply



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Stacy Farmer · Jun 7, 2024 ·



**Janie K Coulson Creel**  
Mine is about the same.

2w Like Reply



**Don Yelverton**  
Yes mama I been here about 5 years and it is so bad but they haven't put any chemicals into it lastly

6w Like Reply



**Amanda Parker Tuminello**  
we have this water system that is advertised above and can tell a BIG difference in our water. It's ridiculous when you backwash the filter what it washes out it's terrible the water is terrible

2w Like Reply



**Tammy Hancock**  
We have 2 hot water tanks, one is only used for a shower nightly. I turned the hot water on in the tub that uses that tank and it spewed black chunks of nasty settlement. It's a fairly new tank so it's because of the nasty water. My tub on the other end of the house doesn't do that. The town should have to replace the tank. We ran the water for a little while and it still had settlement coming out. I won't bathe in that filth.

2w Like Reply



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## Sandersville MS Neighborhood

Stacy Farmer · Jun 7, 2024 ·

**Don Yelverton**

A water filter for the whole house would be nice but not everyone can afford it how about they filter it and change some pipes wouldn't that help atleast try something new

6w Like Reply

**Pamela Allen-Burke**

It's been that was for the last 40 yrs. I grew up in Sandersville & the water was bad when I was a kid.

40w Like Reply

**Stacy Farmer** Author

[Pamela Allen-Burke](#) I'm the same but this past was the worst for me literally looked like strait urine coming from my faucet. I checked it and it said it was at 329 ppm

40w Like Reply

[View 1 reply...](#)**Stacy Farmer** Author

[Pamela Allen-Burke](#) they must have flushed it cause the next time it said 99

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## Sandersville MS Neighborhood

Stacy Farmer · Jun 7, 2024 ·

**Gigi Howard**

Brown water at my house.

2w Like Reply

**Owen Tuminello**

39w Like Reply

**Ashlynn Reon**

Sandersville has always had disgusting water. But apparently it's ok because it's 'not harmful' but if enough people would sign a petition or call the place they may fix it.

40w Like Reply

**Don Yelverton**

[Ashlynn Reon](#) how do I sign that partition I called and I got no answer

6w Like Reply



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## Sandersville MS Neighborhood

Stacy Farmer · Jun 7, 2024 ·

**Mickey Trest**

Low pressure and full of air.

2w Like Reply

**Debbie Risher Cross**

I'm so proud of our water @ Philadelphia Water. It is really good water and we try to always keep it good and up to the Ms Health Dept/Ms Rural Water Dept standards.

I can't believe that y'all at Sandersville are having to put up with that disgusting water problem!

39w Like Reply

**Owen Tuminello**

**PHOME PURE 385**  
WATER UNDERGROUND  
THE WATER YOU DRINK

**No Service Contracts**  
**No Maintenance**  
**No Water Wasted**

**STAGE 1**  
Our 1,000,000 Gallon Silver Impregnated Electro Membrane with integrated activated carbon removes:

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- 99.99999% Salmonella (Bacterial)
- 99.99999% Pathogenic Bacteria
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And it will STOP any particles that are 20,000 times smaller than a strand of human hair.

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**STAGE 2**  
This custom blended mesh core of sintered carbon black and special advanced osmium removes or reduces:

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- >99% Pesticides
- >99% Chlorine
- >99% Chloroform
- 100% Bad odors
- >99% Heavy Metals
- >99% Herbicides
- 99% Chloroform
- 99.9% Benzene
- 99% Cadmium
- 100% Bad water
- >99% Lead
- >99% VOC's
- 100% Fluoride
- with 20" Brunckle cartridge
- >99% Fluoride
- with standard 10", 16" and 20"
- >99% Bromine
- >99% Sulfides
- >99% Disinfection byproduct (DBP)
- >99% MTBE & ETBE (petroleum and volatile oil byproducts)
- And many more!

**STAGE 3**  
A special compressed osmium carbon designed to remove any possible remaining contaminants, extend the life of the unit and provide great tasting water.

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**5 STAR RATING**  
Consumer Reports

**Marutec**  
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**Water Under Ground**  
The Water You Drink

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**Owen Tuminello**

50% off !!!! any water filtration products if you live in or within 10 miles or Sandersville !



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## Sandersville MS Neighborhood

Stacy Farmer · Jun 7, 2024 ·

**Nicole Hickson Wigington**

My water looks like pure sewer. It has stained all my tubs, sinks and toilets.

40w Like Reply

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**Stacy Farmer** Author

Nicole Hickson yes!!!! My bill is insane each month for dirty water.

40w Like Reply

**Nicole Hickson Wigington**

[Stacy Farmer](#) Agreed!!!

40w Like Reply



Write a reply...

**Susan Blakeney**

[Nicole Hickson Wigington](#) I cannot get my white tub, bathroom sink or toilet to look clean!! They are permanently stained brown. I e spent no telling how much money on cleaners and nothing works!

2w Like Reply



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**Barbara Monk**

Don't forget Beaver Meadow

20w Like Reply



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## Sandersville MS Neighborhood

Jennie Coghlan · Jan 1 ·



Is Sandersville under a boil water notice?  
The water tonight looks even worse than it normally does and I didn't think that was possible.



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**Jesselyn Hancock**

Do you know who I would need to complain to about the water? It's absolutely disgusting. I don't even wanna wash my hands in it. Much less my body, kids, clothes, dishes 🤢🤢🤢. Oh and next week it will smell like straight chlorine!!

10w

Like

Reply

**Jennie Coghlan** Author

[Jesselyn Hancock](#) I don't know who to complain to or I would be doing it too. I don't even make my Corgi drink that nasty stuff. He gets bottled water.

10w

Like

Reply

**Jesselyn Hancock**

[Jennie Coghlan](#) so do my fur babies!

10w

Like

Reply



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## Sandersville MS Neighborhood

Jennie Coghlan · Jan 1 ·

**Tammy Hancock**

I'm bathing in dark brown water. The tub has a gritty feel when we let the water out

8w Like Reply

**Judy Wigington Payne**

This is my clean bath water tonight....its disgusting



9w Like Reply

**Jennie Coghlan** Author

[Judy Wigington Payne](#) mine is the same! It's so frustrating that this town is constantly having water problems.

9w Like Reply



Write a reply...

**Mickey Trest**

Mine has been white for days. Full of air.



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Jennie Coghlan · Jan 1 ·

**Stacy Farmer**

It's horrible it seems like every few weeks there is a problem

10w Like Reply

**Jennie Coghlan** Author

[Stacy Farmer](#) I know it does and then sometimes it's very clear.

10w Like Reply



Write a reply...

**Ronnie Sims**

Looks like the usual weak tea look

10w Like Reply

**Jennie Coghlan** Author

[Ronnie Sims](#) ours was worse than usual. After running a tub of water I couldn't see the bottom of the bath tub and it's not usually that bad. I was afraid I had missed a boil water alert.

10w Like Reply



Write a reply...

**Brandon Alt**

One of the wells is down so they running off the one well which makes your water look a little more



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10w Like Reply



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**Brandon Alt**

One of the wells is down so they running off the one well which makes your water look a little more browner then normal

10w Like Reply

**Jennie Coghlan** Author

[Brandon Alt](#) thank you

10w Like Reply



Write a reply...



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## Sandersville MS Neighborhood

Stacy Farmer · Jan 27 ·



Is anyone having trouble with water pressure. My washing machine always runs low H2O. I know my water is still a horrible brown color and it's staining everything.



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**Stacy Farmer** Author

I just hate to toss another good washing machine.

7w Like Reply

**Nicole Hickson Wigington**

I have absolutely no water pressure at all. None.

7w Like Reply

**Jacob Parrish**

Some washers have a screen in the water inlet may have to turn water off at the wall slide machine out take the water hoses loose from the machine and clean them out and put them back

7w Like Reply

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**Stacy Farmer** Author

[Jacob Parrish](#) thank you

7w Like Reply



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