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### **Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Department Receives High Score on its System's Operation**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Department (MWSD) recently received a score of 97 on their system's operation from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

TDEC, Division of Water Resources, Nashville Environmental Field Office conducted the sanitary survey for MWSD on Dec. 19 - 20, 2013, and Jan. 9, 2014. A sanitary survey is an onsite evaluation and documentation of a water system's capabilities, operations, sources, facilities, treatment process, equipment, distribution network, monitoring, reporting and data verification, pump facilities, controls and overall management needed to continually provide safe drinking water and any deficiencies that might impact the provision of safe drinking water.

The sanitary survey rating identifies the approval of the system's operation. Scores of 0-89 is Unsatisfactory, 90-94 is Provisionally Approved and 95-100 Approved. Every system should strive to attain an Approved rating.

"I am very proud of staffs' hard work," commented Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Director Darren Gore. "The success of passing this survey is a combination of first-rate operations at the water treatment plant and outstanding water distribution system management, as well as best practices in engineering. It is a team effort and I can earnestly say that all of the Water and Sewer Department team is committed to serve the public. That's what I am proud of the most; the attitude of service our employees embrace and incorporate into their work."

Sanitary surveys provide an opportunity for inspectors to establish a field presence with the owners and operators of water systems in order to educate them about proper monitoring and sampling procedures, provide technical assistance, and inform them of any upcoming changes in regulations.

TDEC conducts sanitary surveys annually.

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