



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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**NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED**

Re: Ottawa County  
Lake Erie Utilities Company  
TNC Water System  
PWS ID# 6201911

January 23, 2012

Mr. Jim Arvin, President  
Lake Erie Utilities Company  
P. O. Box 29  
Middle Bass, Ohio 43446

**Subject: Notice of Violation – Monthly Operating Reports**

Dear Mr. Arvin:

This letter is in regards to monthly operating reports for Lake Erie Utilities Company. Reports have been submitted late and have been incomplete and incorrect on multiple occasions.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-83-01(l)(2) states "The operation report shall be signed by the operator in responsible charge designated in accordance with rule 3745-7-02 of the Administrative Code and submitted to the district office no later than the tenth of the month following the month for which the report was prepared."

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-83-01(l)(2), the Water Plant/Distribution System Monthly Operating Reports (EPA Form 5002) and the Surface Water Treatment Plant Monthly Operating Reports (EPA Form 5109) were submitted late for the November 2011, and December 2011, monitoring periods.

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-75(A)(1), Lake Erie Utilities Company failed to report the total number of filtered water turbidity determinations during November 2011.

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-75(A)(2), Lake Erie Utilities Company failed to report the percentage of time the filtered water exceeded the 0.3 NTU standard for the November 2011, and December 2011, monitoring periods.

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In violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-75(A)(3), Lake Erie Utilities Company failed to report the date and duration of each period during the months of November 2011, and December 2011, that the turbidity exceeded 0.3 NTU.

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-75(C)(4), Lake Erie Utilities Company reported incorrect minimum actual CT values on the November 2011, and December 2011, monthly operating reports.

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-75(C)(4), Lake Erie Utilities Company reported incorrect effective disinfectant contact time values on the November 2011, and December 2011, monthly operating reports.

On January 12, 2012, Lake Erie Utilities Company submitted revised monthly operating reports for the October 2011, monitoring period. In violation of OAC Rule 3745-83-01 (H) and (I)(1)(a), Lake Erie Utilities Company failed to correctly report the maximum, minimum and average turbidity for October 16, 2011.

In violation of OAC rule 3745-81-75(A)(2), Lake Erie Utilities Company failed to correctly report the percentage of time the filtered water exceeded the 0.3 NTU standard. The revised October 2011, monthly operating report indicates 100 percent compliance with the 0.3 NTU standard, however, this is incorrect based upon recorded values.

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-75(A)(3), Lake Erie Utilities Company failed to report the date and duration of each period during the month of October 2011 that the turbidity exceeded 0.3 NTU on the revised October 2011, monthly operating report.

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-75(C)(4), Lake Erie Utilities Company reported incorrect minimum actual CT values on the revised October 2011, monthly operating report.

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-75(C)(4), Lake Erie Utilities Company reported incorrect effective disinfectant contact time values on the revised October 2011, monthly operating report.

Ohio EPA, DDAGW has not received revised monthly reports from Lake Erie Utilities Company for August 2011 and September 2011 (Notice of Violation dated December 15, 2011). Lake Erie Utilities must review plant operating records and submit revised monthly operating reports for August 2011, September 2011, October 2011, November 2011 and December 2011 immediately. The instructions for completing the EPA form 5109 and EPA form 5002 are enclosed. The revised monthly operating reports must be signed by the operator in responsible charge.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matter regarding your water system, please feel free to contact me at (419) 373-4118.

Sincerely,



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