



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor

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December 28, 2011

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED**

Mr. John Cianci  
Chester Commons Plaza-C/B Development-CA  
12840 Laser Drive  
Chesterland, OH 44026

Geauga County  
Chester Commons Plaza-C/B  
Development-CA  
Non-Community, Transient PWS  
PWS ID: #OH2859112

**SUBJECT: VIOLATION OF TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)  
DURING OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2011 AND FAILURE TO SAMPLE SOURCE WATER  
FOR FECAL INDICATORS**

Dear Mr. Cianci:

Chester Commons Plaza-C/B Development-CA is in violation of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Total Coliform established by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-14. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful bacteria may be present.

Chester Commons Plaza-C/B Development-CA is also in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-81-42 for failure to comply with the Ground Water Rule monitoring requirements.

**To address this violation, return to compliance, and prevent federal enforcement action, the required source water samples must be collected. Failure to collect the required source water sample(s) may result in enforcement action by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). If source water (raw) samples were collected as required, submit the results to the appropriate Ohio EPA District Office as soon as possible. If raw water sample was not collected, they must still be collected and Ohio EPA must receive result to return to compliance and prevent referring this violation to U.S. EPA.**

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

- 1. Investigate and eliminate the cause of bacterial contamination.** Special purpose samples may be collected to investigate the source of contamination or to verify elimination of the problem (these samples cannot be collected to comply with monitoring or MCL requirements; label samples as "special purpose").
- 2. Notify the people served by this water system.** Within 30 days issue the enclosed public notice in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 by the following method(s) to reach all persons served.
  - Posting in conspicuous locations, such as bulletin boards, restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas;
  - Mail or other direct delivery to each customer;

- Send to parents or guardians of children at schools or day care facilities E-mail, newsletters or newspaper;
  - Posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation exists, but in no case for less than seven days (even if the violation is resolved). The language in italics on the enclosed public notice is mandatory and must be included, as written. Do not make changes to the public notice without consulting with Ohio EPA beforehand.
3. **Complete the enclosed verification form within 10 days of issuing the Public Notices** and mail it to Ohio EPA - NEDO. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published or posted.
  4. **Monitor with at least five (5) routine samples** in the month following a routine total coliform-positive result in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-21(B)(7).
  5. **Collect a raw sample from each well in operation, or one raw sample representative of the wells, at the time the positive sample was collected.** The sample should be labeled a "Special Purpose" and marked as GWR001.

If you have any questions, contact this office at 330-963-1149.

Sincerely,



Kathy Metropulos  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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enclosures: Tier 2 Public Notification  
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form

cc: Geauga County Health Department  
Kim Efters, Ohio EPA, DDAGW, NEDO