



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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November 30, 2011

NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

Mr. Paul Laslo
Mentor Ridge Farms Association PWS
7870 Chillicothe Road
Mentor, OH 44060

LAKE COUNTY
MENTOR RIDGE FARMS ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY PWS
PWS ID # OH4301012

**Subject: Failure to Conduct Required Repeat Total Coliform and Failure to Sample
Source Water for Fecal Indicators**

Dear Mr. Laslo:

Mentor Ridge Farms Association PWS is in violation of monitoring requirements for Total Coliform established by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-21 for November 2011.

Ohio EPA records indicate that a total coliform-positive sample was collected from this water system on 11/15/2011 and the required repeat samples were not collected. To ensure the safety of drinking water provided by your system monitoring with all of the required repeat samples is essential.

Mentor Ridge Farms Association PWS 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 (USEPA). 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 samples were not collected, they must still be collected and Ohio EPA must receive results to return to compliance and prevent referring this violation to USEPA.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- 1. Consult with Ohio EPA within 24 hours** regarding public notice requirements. If you have not already received direction regarding this violation, contact the NEDO at 330-963-1199.
- 2. Issue the enclosed public notices within 24 hours** in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 using one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served.
 - Fax notice to broadcast media (radio and television);
 - Fax notice to newspaper (to editor, not legal notice section);
 - Hand delivery;
 - Contact sensitive populations (hospitals, day care, schools, nursing homes);
 - Direct telecommunication (if applicable);
 - If applicable, provide copy to owner/operator of any consecutive water system for their notification to customers;
 - Posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation exists, but in no case for less than seven (7) 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.

Northeast District Office
2110 East Aurora Road
Twinsburg, OH 44087-1924

330 | 963 1200
330 | 487 0769 (fax)
www.epa.ohio.gov

NOTE: Issuance of a Public Notice must be repeated every 30 days for as long as the violation exists, unless directed otherwise by the District Office. A verification form and a copy of the public notice, stating the corrective measures completed to date, must be submitted to the Ohio EPA.

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. **Collect a set of four (4) repeat samples, until one set is total coliform-negative to discontinue the Water Use Advisory.** Notify the people served by the water system when the water use advisory is discontinued.
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.
6. **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).

If repeat samples were collected, submit them as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, contact Stephen Bopple at 330-963-1199.

Sincerely,



Nancy N. Rice
Environmental Manager
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Enclosures: Tier 1 & 3 Public Notification
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form

cc: Lake County Health Department
Information Management Section, Ohio EPA, Central Office, DDAGW
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