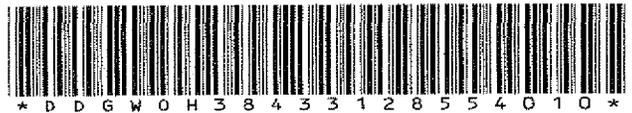


**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John D. Rowland, Governor
Richard R. Cordusio, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Smith, Director



NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

December 27, 2011

RE: HOLMES COUNTY
FARMERSTOWN AUCTION, INC.
NON-COMMUNITY, TRANSIENT
PWS ID # OH3843312

Mr. David Yoder
Farmerstown Auction, Inc.
2807 State Route 557
P.O. Box 22
Baltic, OH 43805

CERTIFIED MAIL

**Subject: Violation of Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
During October-December 2011 (ACUTE)**

Dear Mr. Yoder:

Farmerstown Auction PWS is in violation of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Total Coliform established by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-14. Water samples have confirmed the presence of *E. coli*/fecal coliform in the drinking water. *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes.* This is an Acute MCL violation requiring immediate action.

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 330-963-1121.
- 2. Issue the enclosed public notice within 24 hours** in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 using one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served.
 - Hand delivery to persons served by the water system;
 - Posting in conspicuous locations, such as bulletin boards, restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas;
 - Send to parents or guardians of children at schools or day care facilities;
 - Another delivery method approved in writing by the Director;
 - Posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation exists.
 - 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.

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. **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").
4. **Complete the enclosed verification form within 10 days of issuing the Public Notice** and mail it to Ohio EPA - NEDO. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published or posted.
5. **Discontinue the Water Use Advisory** – The water use advisory shall remain in effect until one set of four (4) repeat samples is total coliform-negative. Notify the people served by the water system when the water use advisory is discontinued.
6. **Monitor with at least five (5) routine samples** in the month following (January 2012) a routine total coliform-positive result in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-21(B)(7).

If you have any questions, contact Len Rychlik at 330-963-1121.

Sincerely,



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

NNR/ams

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

cc: Holmes County Health Department
Information Management Section, Ohio EPA, Central Office, DDAGW
Len Rychlik, Ohio EPA, NEDO, DDAGW
Kim Etters, Ohio EPA, NEDO, DDAGW