





**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Putnam County
Country Acres Golf Club
Community Public Water System
PWS ID # OH 6901412

Plan Approval Requirements

December 16, 2011

Mr. Larry Kohlenberg
Larry's Water Conditioning
720 Illinois Avenue
Maumee, Ohio 43537

Dear Mr. Kohlenberg:

This letter is to notify your company that the installation of Filtersorb HSR ("filter media") at the Country Acres Golf Club, located at 17374 State Route 694, Ottawa, Ohio, constitutes a violation of the rules of the State of Ohio. Country Acres Golf Club is a "public water system" as defined in paragraph (A) of section 6109.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. As such, Country Acres Golf Club is subject to the rules and regulations governing public water systems in the State of Ohio.

In a letter dated November 7, 2011, Mr. James Hemrick, superintendent, Country Acres Golf Club, stated, "We changed our Manganese Dioxide filter media to Filtersorb HSR." In a telephone conversation with you on December 6, 2011, you confirmed the installation of this filter media in an effort to reduce the problems with brown water.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-91-02(A) states in pertinent part: "*No person shall begin construction or installation of a public water system, or make a substantial change in a public water system, until plans therefor have been approved by the director of environmental protection . . .*"

Plans were not submitted for approval to Ohio EPA for the installation of the filter media for the public water system at the Country Acres Golf Club. Installation of filter media which is different than the filter media previously in use by the public water system is a substantial change to the public water system. Therefore, Country Acres Golf Club is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-91-02(A) and has been notified in separate correspondence of this violation.

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Additionally, OAC Rule 3745-83-01(D) requires all materials which come into contact with water in a public water system to conform with the requirements of the American National Standards Institute/ National Sanitation Foundation (ANSI/NSF). The filter media does not conform with ANSI/NSF requirements therefore Country Acres Golf Club is also in violation of OAC Rule 3745-83-01(D).

Installation of equipment on a public water system without approval from the director of Ohio EPA can compromise the ability of the public water system to provide safe and adequate amounts of potable water to its consumers. Piloting various types of treatment must also be approved by this agency.

In the future, if you or your company has any questions regarding whether or not a water system is regulated by Ohio EPA as a public water system and would therefore require prior approval by the director for any water system equipment replacement, installation, or removal, please contact me at 419-373-3046 or Paul Brock, Supervising Engineer, at 419-373-3152.

Sincerely,



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Manager
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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