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Re: Noble County
Noble County Water Authority PWS
Community Water System
PWS ID: OH6100503

CERTIFIED MAIL

NOBLE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
202 LIBERTY ST
PO BOX 127
BELLE VALLEY, OH 43717

RE: TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL EXCEEDANCE

Dear Public Water System Owner:

This letter is notification that your public water system is in violation of rule 3745-81-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Noble County Water Authority PWS has exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM within the October 1 through December 31, 2008 time period.

Paragraph B of rule 3745-81-12 establishes an MCL of 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for TTHM. Compliance with the MCL is based on the running annual average of four consecutive quarters of samples. The current running annual average for TTHM is 0.087 mg/L.

As a result of this violation, rule 3745-81-32 of the OAC requires that a public notice be issued by your facility informing your consumers of the violation. Included with this violation is a public notice containing the mandatory health effects language that must appear in the notice. If you wish to make additional statements in the notice, this office must be contacted first. The public notice must be issued within 30 days as specified in the enclosed "Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form for Community Public Water Systems with Tier 2 Violations". Please complete and return this form along with a copy of the public notice, once it is issued.

Noble County Water Authority PWS public water system is required to continue monitoring according to your most recent Chemical Monitoring Distribution Schedule. For questions concerning the public notice requirement, please contact me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Byerly
Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosures: Public Notice and Verification Form for Tier 2 Violations

cc: Superintendent/Manager; SEDO, DDAGW; DDAGW; Noble County Health Department

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Noble County Water Authority PWS Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM). The sample(s) collected on October 11, 2007 show TTHM at 0.101 mg/L. The average level of TTHM over the last year was 0.087 mg/L. The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L.

What Should I Do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What Does This Mean?

The levels detected do not pose an immediate risk to your health. However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What Is Being Done?

We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Noble County Water Authority PWS at:

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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Date Distributed: _____