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**NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED**

February 13, 2009

CERTIFIED MAIL

Putnam County Commissioners  
Putnam County-North Ottawa  
245 E Main Street Suite 101,  
Ottawa, OH 45875

Putnam County  
Putnam County-North Ottawa  
Public Community PWS  
PWS ID: OH6901603

**Subject: Violation of Maximum Contaminant Level for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)**

Putnam County-North Ottawa is in violation for exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) standard of 0.080 MG/L as established in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) section 3745-81-12 for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM). Compliance with the MCL is based on a running annual average. The annual average for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) during the Fourth Quarter of 2008 time period is 0.094 MG/L.

**To address the MCL violation,** Putnam County-North Ottawa is required to take the following actions:

- Notify your customers within 30 days using the enclosed instructions and public notice.
- Complete and send a verification form with a copy of the public notice to the above mailing address within ten days after issuance.
- Perform quarterly monitoring for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) during each calendar quarter (January 1 – March 31; April 1 – June 30; July 1 – September 30; October 1 to December 31).
- Consult with your Ohio EPA district representative to discuss your options for coming into compliance and establishing a compliance schedule or comply with any existing enforcement action that has been issued to you.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Continued noncompliance may lead to enforcement actions. If you have any questions or wish to change the public notice, please call me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,

Sarah Byerly  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosure: Public Notice, Verification Form

cc: DDAGW-NWDO; DDAGW-CO file; Putman County Health Department

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor  
Chris Korleski, Director

# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## Putnam County-North Ottawa Has Levels of TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM). The average level of TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) over the last four quarters was 0.094 MG/L. The standard for TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (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 TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, 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:

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: \_\_\_\_\_