



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

OH6901603 PUTNAM COUNTY-NORTH OTTA 2950 02 02/14/11



February 14, 2011

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED**

CERTIFIED MAIL

91 7108 2133 3937 1501 1236

Jessica Trinko  
Putnam County-North Ottawa  
245 E Main St Ste 101,  
Ottawa, OH 45875

Putnam County  
Putnam County-North Ottawa  
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 TTHM. Compliance with the MCL is based on a running annual average. The annual average for TTHM during the Fourth Quarter of 2010 time period is 0.117 MG/L.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Sarah Byerly,  
Compliance Assurance Section  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosure: Public Notice; Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form  
cc: Manager; DDAGW file; NWDO file; Putnam County Health Department

# 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 TTHM. The average level of TTHM over the last four quarters was 0.117 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 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.*

Date Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_

PWSID: OH6901603

Monitoring Period: Fourth Quarter of 2010