



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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December 14, 2011

William J. Barber
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P.O. Box 348
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RE: Village of Cygnet
Wood County
Community public water system
PWS ID: #8700612
Director's Final Findings and Orders, Time Extension

Dear Mr. Barber:

I am writing in response to the schedule proposed in your October 14, 2011 letter, regarding the annexation of the Village of Cygnet's (Village) community public water system (PWS). Your letter indicates that the decommissioning of the Village's existing water treatment plant and the annexation of the Village's PWS by Northwestern Water & Sewer District (District) is the chosen general plan option for addressing the Village's exceedances of the total trihalomethanes (TTHM) maximum contaminant level (MCL). In a letter, dated November 9, 2011, Ohio EPA stated acceptance of the chosen alternative for TTHM reduction; however, the timeline for the completion of this option, proposed by your October 14, 2011 letter, requires further comment.

The timeline submitted indicates that the District will not be able to meet the project completion deadlines for the reduction of TTHM set forth in the July 6, 2010 Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFOs). The interim timelines were included in the DFFOs to ensure that progress continues towards the goal of providing safe drinking water to protect the health of the consumers of the Village's PWS and for the PWS to achieve compliance with the TTHM MCL. To clarify, the current interim timelines at issue and established in the DFFOs are as follows:

- a) Order # 17 requires that detailed plans shall be submitted within one hundred twenty (120) days of approval of the general plan. As referenced above, approval of the general plan was issued on November 9, 2011. Per the 120 day deadline set forth by Order # 17, detail plans shall be submitted by March 8, 2012. Per your timeline, detailed design plans will not be submitted to the Ohio EPA until the second quarter of 2012 (April-June 2012).
- b) Order # 18 requires that within sixty (60) days of Director's detail plan approval for the selected option for TTHM reduction, Respondent shall begin construction on the selected option. Per your timeline, construction will begin October 2012.
- c) Order # 19 requires that within one hundred eighty (180) days of detail plan approval, Respondent shall complete the selected option and commence operation of the treatment for TTHM reduction. Per your timeline, construction shall be completed January 2013; the District will remove the Village's elevated storage tank during the 2nd Quarter of 2013; and the wells will be properly abandoned, and the water treatment plant decommissioned by the summer of 2013.

Ohio EPA is willing to accept the time extensions proposed by your October 14, 2011 letter. In addition to the revised timeline, Northwestern Water & Sewer District must keep Ohio EPA informed on its progress toward meeting the remaining objectives and deadlines set forth in the DFFOs.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Ohio EPA encourages you to continue the open communication with Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office as you work toward achieving compliance and providing safe drinking water to your community. We look forward to the successful and timely resolution of the remaining issues of the July 6, 2010 DFFOs.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please to contact me at 614-644-2752.

Sincerely,



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