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February 16, 2012

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Honorable Ron Klopfenstein, Mayor  
Village of Elida  
200 W. Main Street  
P.O. Box 3074  
Elida, Ohio 45807

RE: Elida Village Water  
PWS ID: # OH0200503  
Allen County  
Community public water systems

Dear Mayor Klopfenstein:

On May 9, 2011, Ohio EPA issued Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) to the Village of Elida, which you were in agreement with.

Order No. 5, from the Director's Final Findings and Orders, states:

*"Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall submit a distribution system optimization plan (DSOP) to Ohio EPA for approval"*

On August 31, 2011, Ohio EPA received a letter from Mr. Troy Strayer, Village Administrator, acknowledging that the deadline for submitting the DSOP was missed and requested that the date be extended from July 8, 2011 to July 1, 2012. Ohio EPA responded on September 21, 2011 allowing an extension of submittal of the DSOP by 60 days from the date of the letter, which made the revised deadline November 20, 2011.

**To date, Ohio EPA has not received a DSOP and the Village of Elida is currently in violation of the Orders.**

Please respond in writing to my attention at the address below within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter with your intended corrective action. If an appropriate response is not received, the Ohio EPA will consider additional enforcement action to ensure compliance, which could include civil penalties.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 614-644-2752.

Sincerely,

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September 21, 2011

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R. Troy Strayer, Village Administrator  
Village of Elida  
200 W. Main Street  
P.O. Box 3074  
Elida, Ohio 45807

RE: Village of Elida  
Allen County  
Community PWS  
PWS ID#: OH0200503  
Administrative Orders

Dear Mr. Strayer:

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 29, 2011 requesting an extension of the due date for submittal of a distribution system optimization plan (DSOP) from July 8, 2011 to July 1, 2012. Please note that as of the date of your letter, the submittal was already 52 days overdue.

Ohio EPA is willing to extend the date of submittal of the DSOP by 60 days from the date of this letter. Corrective actions in the Orders were linked to the submittal date of the DSOP. Extending the submittal date nearly one year effectively means that your public water system will exceed the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) for an additional twelve months and is unacceptable. The intent of the DSOP was a short-term fix until a longer term solution was implemented. If you believe that development of the DSOP cannot be accomplished or will not work, the Village of Elida should then inform us of that, proceed to Order #10 and submit a General Plan to bring about the corrective measures needed.

Please contact Paul Brock at our Northwest District Office if you need assistance with the DSOP. He may be reached at 419-373-3152.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 614-644-2752 or by email at [kenneth.baughman@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:kenneth.baughman@epa.state.oh.us).

Respectfully,

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Enforcement Coordinator  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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## Village of Elida

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Dear Ms. Benham:

Responding to #5 of your orders for compliance dated May 10, 2011, the Village of Elida was to have submitted a distribution system optimization plan (DSOP). The DSOP was to have been submitted to your office before July 8, 2011. An error and misinterpretation on my part prevented this plan from being submitted. However, after investigating this order and reviewing a document from the EPA office on the procedure and information that should be included in this plan I feel that the timeline and cost of this plan could not justly be completed.

Upon my investigation, I have found that a water distribution study was compiled for the Village of Elida in 1994. After reviewing this document, I have discovered that some items were completed, some completed and already updated again, and some have yet to be addressed.

With this being said, I feel it is time that the Village of Elida contract for a new DSOP to be developed.

The village has experienced growth, a new 500,000 gallon water tower, new technology and a change in employees and administration. I also feel that DSOP should be included in a long range plan that we will be drafting in 2012 and 2013.

At this time myself and the Village of Elida are requesting that a time allotment be granted for a more in depth and quality DSOP to be developed by mid-year of 2012. Budget constraints and employee availability for input would make this plan nearly impossible to be completed and accurate at this time.

Your approval and acceptance of this request would be both beneficial and more accurate for the EPA and the Village of Elida. Enclosed is the text portion of the 1994 water distribution study for your information.