



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

March 7, 2012

Re: Sandusky County
Sachs Farms AMLC #1
Transient Water System
PWS ID #: OH7250012

Howard Sachs Farms AMLC
1981 County Road 145
Fremont, Ohio 43420
Attn: Howard Sachs

HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Sachs:

The Sachs Farms AMLC #1 public water system (PWS) has violated Ohio's safe drinking water law. Specifically, the PWS has failed to monitor for total coliform bacteria repeat and raw water samples, failed to monitor for nitrate, exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria, and failed to provide public notifications for past violations.

Owners or operators of public water systems that fail to comply with Ohio's safe drinking water laws and regulations are subject to civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day per violation under Ohio Revised Code Section 6109.33.

To resolve your drinking water violations, remain in compliance and avoid possible legal action that could include civil penalties, it is agreed that Sachs Farms AMLC #1 will:

1. Within fourteen (14) days of opening for the season, post public notice for past total coliform bacteria and nitrate monitoring violations and total coliform MCL violations. Posting must remain up for no less than seven (7) days in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-32. Send a copy of the public notice and completed verification form to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Julie Spangler.
2. In accordance with OAC Rules 3745-81-21 and 3745-81-14, comply with total coliform bacteria MCL and monitoring requirements, including repeat monitoring as required.
3. Comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements in accordance with the 2012 and all future contaminant monitoring schedules.

4. Contract with a certified laboratory to collect and analyze the required samples for twelve (12) months to help meet regulatory requirements and establish a routine of compliance. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement, submit a copy of the completed contract to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Julie Spangler.
5. Prior to opening for the 2012 season, correct the following deficiencies: (1) install a smoothed nosed tap to be used for total coliform sampling; and, (2) evaluate the two extraneous pressure tanks to determine if they should be disconnected from the system.
6. Follow proper start-up/shut-down procedures as directed in Ohio EPA's 2009 publication, "Seasonal Noncommunity Public Water Systems Start-up and Shut-down Checklist" (attached).
7. Representatives from our Northwest District Office will be performing a Limited Scope Site Visit (LSSV) in May 2012, prior to the opening of the PWS. Respond to any noted deficiencies within thirty (30) days of the date of the LSSV summary letter.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Baker, Chief
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

If it is your intent to comply with the safe drinking water laws and regulations in the manner specified, please sign this document and return it to the attention of Julie Spangler at Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, within fourteen (14) days. Your signature is not considered an admission of guilt, only an indication of your intention to address the violations noted. Ohio EPA reserves its right to seek civil penalties pursuant to Revised Code 6109.33 for the violations described in this letter. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Julie Spangler at (614) 644-2752.



3/7/12
Date