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May 3, 2007

RE: Wood County
Northwestern W & S District - Weston Area
Community Water System
PWSID#: 8703211

Jerry Greiner, Executive Director
Northwestern Water and Sewer District – Weston Area
12560 Middleton Pike
P.O. Box 348
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

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Dear Mr. Greiner:

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The Northwestern Water and Sewer District – Weston Area (Northwestern) public water system has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, Northwestern has exceeded the total trihalomethanes (TTHM) maximum contaminant level (MCL) during five of the last seven compliance periods, failed to update their bacteriological sample siting plan, failed to adopt an effective backflow prevention/cross-connection program, failed to protect the public water system from potential cross-connection by not having the appropriate air gap on the overflow pipe of the elevated tower, failed to maintain their contingency plan for providing safe drinking water, failed to comply with chlorine residual requirements, failed to provide an operational report for September 2002, and failed to comply with the consumer confidence report (CCR) requirements.

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.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is aware that Northwestern has returned to compliance with the MCL for TTHM with a running annual average of 0.067 mg/L for the first quarter 2007. To resolve your remaining drinking water violation, prevent future violations and avoid possible legal action and civil penalties:

1. By June 30, 2007, prepare and submit a Distribution System Optimization Plan (DSOP), in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-78(G)(2) to: Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Attn: JoAnn Sabo, DOCC, Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office, 347 North Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

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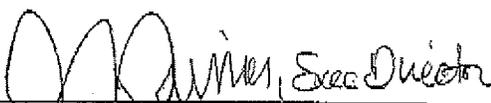
2. Within thirty (30) days of notification, address any comments or deficiencies noted by Ohio EPA on the DSOP submitted by Northwestern.
3. Within thirty (30) days of approval, begin implementing the approved DSOP.
4. Remain in compliance with the MCL for TTHM in accordance with OAC Rules 3745-81-12(B) and 3745-81-24(C)(14).
5. Continue to monitor for TTHM with one sample per calendar quarter from the distribution system at a location representing the maximum residence time, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-24(C).
6. Continue to comply with and enforce an effective backflow prevention and cross-connection prevention program, in accordance with OAC Chapter 3745-95.
7. Continue to comply with all reporting and operational requirements, including the minimum chlorine residual, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-83-01.
8. Continue to update the system contingency plan, as needed, but at least annually, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-85-01.
9. Maintain a current sample siting plan, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-21.
10. Comply with the CCR requirements, in accordance with OAC Chapter 3745-96.

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 Marco Deshaies at Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, 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 Marco Deshaies at (614) 644-2761.



Jerry Greiner, Executive Director
Northwestern Water and Sewer District

5/4/07
Date