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www.epa.state.oh.usTed Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, Director**CERTIFIED LETTER**

November 27, 2007

RE: HILLSBORO CITY
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM
PWS I.D. 3600614Safety Service Director
Highland County
130 North High Street
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Dear Safety Director:

The City of Hillsboro is in violation of Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) by failing to comply with the requirements for filtration and disinfection of surface water sources set forth in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 3745-81-71 through 3745-81-75 and 3745-83-02. The City of Hillsboro violated OAC rule 3745-81-73 when the following filtration requirements were not met during the month of October:

The water system failed to provide sufficient filtration of its drinking water when the turbidity levels of representative samples of its filtered water were not less than or equal to 0.3 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) in at least ninety-five percent (95 %) of the samples analyzed during the month of October. During the month of October 2007, 23.8% of the combined filter effluent samples exceeded 0.3 NTUs.

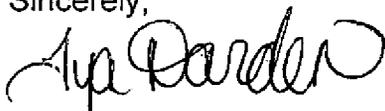
Failure to meet any requirement of OAC rule 3745-81-73, Filtration of Water from Surface Water Sources, is a treatment technique violation for which public notification is required under OAC rule 3745-81-32. You are required by OAC rule 3745-81-32 to issue a public notice of this violation as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the receipt of this letter. You must mail or direct deliver the public notice to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system. If necessary to reach all persons served, the system must also use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons.

I have enclosed an example public notice, which includes language that you must use in the notice, and a public notice verification form. **You must return a copy of the public notice that you sent out along with the verification form to this office within 30 days of the date of this letter.**

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If you have information or have completed modifications to your system that you believe will bring your system into compliance, please contact the Southwest District Office immediately. If you have questions concerning these requirements, call me at (937) 285-6085.

Sincerely,



Tya Darden
Public Drinking Water Unit
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

cc: SWDO file
DDAGW/CO, Dave Evans
Highland County Health Department
Robert Coomer, Water Superintendent

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DRINKING WATER NOTICE

The City of Hillsboro Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

We routinely monitor our water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. Water samples for October 2007 showed that 23.8% percent of turbidity measurements were more than 0.3 NTUs. The standard is no more than 5 percent of samples may exceed 0.3 turbidity units per month.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil the water or take other actions.** We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.
- *Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly people may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact _____ at _____ or _____
name of contact phone number mailing address

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

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.

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- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
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1. Article Addressed to:


 SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR
 HIGHLAND COUNTY
 130 NORTH HIGH STREET
 HILLSBORO OH 45133

 2. Article Number
 (Transfer from service label)

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Durham Agent Addressee

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