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February 19, 2008

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY  
**GHENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
TRANSIENT WATER SYSTEM  
PWS ID. NO. OH7724512**CERTIFIED MAIL**Pastor William Meyer  
Ghent Christian Church  
4200 Granger Road  
Akron, OH 44333-1418**SUBJECT: Notice of Violation of the Total Coliform Bacteria Monitoring Requirement when a water use advisory is still in effect**

Dear Pastor Meyer:

This letter is notification that the Ghent Christian Church water system is in violation of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) for failure to comply with the coliform monitoring requirements.

Rule 3745-81-21 of the O.A.C. requires that your water system monitor with a minimum of five coliform sample(s) the month following any total coliform positive result. A coliform positive result was collected on December 3, 2007. Ohio EPA records indicate Ghent Christian Church failed to monitor with the required number of coliform samples during the month of January 2008. This failure to monitor with the required number of coliform samples is a violation of the aforementioned regulation.

Review of your sampling record indicates that you have been in violation of this monitoring requirement for nine of the last nine months. Continued non-compliance will result in referral of this matter to the Division of Drinking and Ground Water, Enforcement Section.

When a transient non-community water system fails to perform any required monitoring, the public water system must notify persons served by the water system of the failure in accordance with rule 3745-81-32 of the OAC. This public notice must be issued by (APPROPRIATE METHOD "d" from below). An example public notice is enclosed for your information. A copy of the public notification, along with the verification form which is enclosed, must be forwarded to this office within ten (10) days following issuance of the public notification.

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Please contact this office within seven (7) days of receipt of this letter to arrange for an enforcement meeting. Failure to schedule a meeting will indicate recalcitrance regarding these sampling violations and will result in referral of the matter for further enforcement action.

Routine samples were collected from your facility on December 3, 2007 and determined total coliform positive. O.A.C. Rule 3745-81-21 requires four repeat samples to be collected in a timely fashion upon notification of the positive routine sample result(s). Ghent Christian Church did not collect the four required repeat samples, in violation of O.A.C. Rules 3745-81-21 and 3745-81-14 (D). A violation of Rule 3745-81-14 (D) is an acute MCL violation. A public notice water use advisory was required to be issued because of this violation.

The public notice must remain in effect until you obtain one complete set of four repeat samples that are determined total coliform negative. To date, our records indicate that you have not yet collected four repeat samples that were all determined total coliform negative. Therefore, the water use public notice must still be in effect in the manner previously explained to you in the notice of violation letter dated December 18, 2007. All repeat samples must be collected on the same day. Indicate the exact sampling tap on each sample slip. Clearly mark "Repeat Sample" on each sample slip.

This office requested a copy of the actual public notice you issued and of the completed verification form. To date, we have not yet received these documents. Please submit these items to this office as soon as possible. Enclosed is an example public notice and a verification form for the acute M.C.L. violation for your reference.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (330) 963-1227.

Respectfully,



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Environmental Specialist  
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