Ohio | Environmental Protection Agency

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

March 23, 2011

RE: Highland County
Highland County Water Company, Inc.
Community
PWS ID: OH3600514

Larry Cockrell
6686 US Route 50
PO Box 940
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Subject: Failure to Sample Drinking Water for Total Coliforms as Required

Highland County Water Company, Inc. is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-21 for failure to comply with the total coliform monitoring.

Monitoring Period:	February 2011
Required Coliform Monitoring:	30 routine per month
Sample Results Submitted:	Twenty-Nine

To ensure the safety of drinking water provided by your system monitoring for total coliforms is essential.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. **Notify the people served by this water system** using one or more of the methods and the timing as required by OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 to reach all persons served.

   Timing: As soon as practical, but no later than one year after learning of the violation:

   - Mail or other direct delivery to each customer; OR
   - Annual Consumer Confidence Report provided it's distributed within one year after learning of the violation; and
   - If necessary to reach all persons regularly served, use other notification methods such as newspaper publication, public posting or Internet posting;
   - Posted notices must remain in place as long as the violation or situation exists, but in no case less than seven days (even if the violation is resolved). The language in italics on the enclosed public notice is mandatory and must be included, as written. Do not make changes to the public notice without consulting with the Ohio EPA beforehand.

2. **Complete the enclosed Verification Form within 10 days of issuing the Public Notice** and mail it to Ohio EPA - SWDO. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published or posted.

Southwest District Office
401 East Fifth Street
Dayton, OH 45402-2911

937 | 285 6357
937 | 285 6249 (fax)
www.epa.ohio.gov

If total coliform samples were collected as required, submit the results as soon as possible. The monitoring violation would be rescinded and a reporting violation given for late submittal of the results.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 937-285-6118 or Dave Secor at 937-285-6114.

Sincerely,

Gina Hayes
Environmental Specialist

Enclosures: Tier 3 Public Notification
Public Notice Instructions & Verification Form

ec: Highland County Health Department
Information Management Section, DDAGW, CO

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Monitoring requirements were not met for Highland County Water Company, Inc.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During February 2011, we "did not monitor or test" or "did not complete all monitoring or testing" for total coliform bacteria, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What Should I Do?

- *There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective action.*
- *This notice is to inform you that Highland County Water Company, Inc. did not monitor and report results for the presence of total coliform bacteria in the public drinking water system during the February 2011 time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.*

What is being done?

Upon being notified of this violation, the water supply was required to have the drinking water analyzed for the above mentioned parameters. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

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

or at _____.
mailing address

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.

PWSID# OH3600514	Date Distributed:

Tier 3: Monitoring Violation Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH TIER 3 VIOLATIONS

The owner or operator of a community public water system with a Tier 3 violation or situation shall notify the persons served by the public water system as soon as practical but **no later than one year** after the system learns of the violation. At a minimum, community public water systems must issue the notice by **mail or other direct delivery**. Public notice issued by methods other than posting shall be repeated annually as long as the violation or situation persists.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD(S) INDICATED BELOW, AS DESCRIBED IN THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 3745-81-32:

Required Method of Public Notification	Actual Method of Public Notification
Use the following method to reach all persons served by the public water system: Public notice issued by mail or other direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system. The consumer confidence report delivered to customers by July 1 of each year may be used as long as the public notice includes all the required content and is delivered within the required timeframe.	**Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:** A. Date of mailing/delivery _____
If the above method does not reach all persons served, also use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the public water system (e.g. publication in a local newspaper, delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others, posting in public places served by the system or on the Internet, or delivery to community organizations). If the notice is posted, it shall remain in place as long as the violation exists, but in no case less than 7 days.	A. Method(s) _____ _____ B. Date(s) _____

Please indicate below what public notice was used. INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.

____ A public notice as provided was issued without changes.

____ A different public notice was issued.

_____
Signature of Responsible Person Date

_____
Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

Highland County Water Company, Inc.
OH3600514
Highland County
February 2011
Total Coliform Monitoring (Vio. Type 23/24)

For Ohio EPA use only:
Date PN received: _____
PN acceptable: _____ **PN not acceptable:** _____