



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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May 23, 2012

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED**

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Huron County  
Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League  
T Non-Community PWS

PWS ID: OH3930712

Dear Public Water System Owner:

The Public Water System serving BRONSON-NORWALK CONSRVTN LEAGUE is in violation of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-81-60 for failure to respond in writing within 30 days to a significant deficiency. The Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League public water system (PWS) was notified in correspondence dated September 30, 2011 and December 28, 2011, of the requirement to respond in writing within 30 days, with a schedule for corrective actions to address the following:

1. OAC rule 3745-81-21 (A) states that "public water systems shall collect total coliform routine samples at sites which are representative of water throughout the distribution system according to a written sample siting plan. Such plans are subject to review and revision by the director..."

*The written bacterial sample siting plan was subsequently completed during the sanitary evaluation survey and that copy of the plan needs to be kept on file at the facility office.*

**The PWS must periodically revise/update this plan as appropriate. The sample plan must be made available for review in accordance with OAC rule 3745-81-21.**

2. OAC rule 3745-9-05 (P) states that "a well shall have a well cap... to prevent the entrance of water, dirt, animals, insects, or other foreign matter... Electrical conduit connections on the well cap... shall be threaded and sealed to prevent the entrance of insects and water. A well cap for a public water system shall conform with "Water System Council Pitless Adapter Standard PAS-97, Performance Standards for Sanitary Water Well Pitless Adapters, Pitless Units, and Watertight Well Caps" (1997), or with an alternative standard acceptable to the director."

OAC rule 3745-9-05 (T) states that "a vent shall be provided on all well caps and seals... A well vent shall be self-draining, screened with a noncorroding mesh screen of fifteen to thirty mesh, pointed downward at or above the top of the casing... A vent shall terminate not less than twelve inches above ground surface, and at least twelve inches above the well house floor or concrete apron surface."

*The evaluation found that Well #1 did not have acceptable well cap because screened ventilation wasn't provided.*

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**The PWS must provide an appropriate well cap for the well that meets present day standards, including an atmospheric vent which has a noncorroding mesh screen of fifteen to thirty meshes, pointed downward, and does not terminate less than twelve inches above ground surface.**

3. OAC rule 3745-9-01 (B) states that "an abandoned well means a well, test hole, or dry hole whose use has been permanently discontinued."

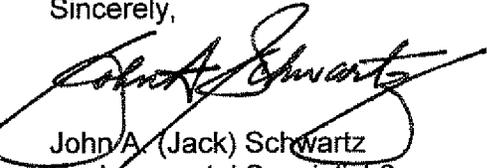
OAC rule 3745-9-10 (A) states that "an abandoned well shall be sealed in accordance with this rule and rule 3745-9-07 of the Administrative Code."

*There was an abandoned well, which was not connected to the potable water system, located approximately 88' from Well #1 and adjacent to the parking lot.*

**The PWS must properly abandoned and seal the unused well. Proper abandonment of wells is essential in protecting ground water resources.**

The Bronson-Norwalk Conservation League PWS must respond in writing within 15 days from the date of this letter with the required information. Failure to comply may result in further enforcement action. If you have any questions regarding the sanitary evaluation survey, this letter, or any other matter involving your public water system, then please feel free to contact me directly at this office by telephone (419) 373-3088 or via electronic messaging at [jack.schwartz@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:jack.schwartz@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 1) Ohio EPA correspondence dated September 30, 2011 (4 pp.)  
2) Ohio EPA correspondence dated December 28, 2011 (3 pp.)

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