



Environmental
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

CERTIFIED MAIL # 96 7166 2133 3932 1938 31

June 21, 2012

Betty Morbitzer
Heimat Haus
4555 Jackson Pike,
Grove City, OH 43123

Franklin County
Heimat Haus
Non-Community, Transient PWS
PWS ID: OH2532212

**Subject: Violation of Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
During June 2012 (ACUTE)**

Heimat Haus is in violation of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Total Coliform established by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-14. Water samples have confirmed the presence of *E. coli*/fecal coliform in the drinking water. *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes.* This is an Acute MCL violation requiring immediate action.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

1. **Consult with Ohio EPA within 24 hours** regarding public notice requirements. If you have not already received direction regarding this violation, contact the CDO at 614-728-3868.
2. **Issue the enclosed public notice within 24 hours** in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 using one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served.
 - Hand delivery to persons served by the water system
 - Posting in conspicuous locations, such as bulletin boards, restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas
 - Send to parents or guardians of children at schools or day care facilities
 - Another delivery method approved in writing by the director
 - Posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation exists.
 - Posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation exists, but in no case for less than seven (7) 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 Ohio EPA beforehand.

NOTE: Issuance of a Public Notice must be repeated every 30 days for as long as the violation exists, unless directed otherwise by the District Office. A verification form and a copy of the public notice stating the corrective measures completed to date must be submitted to the Ohio EPA.

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3. **Investigate and eliminate the cause of bacterial contamination.** Special purpose samples may be collected to investigate the source of contamination or to verify elimination of the problem (these samples cannot be collected to comply with monitoring or MCL requirements; label samples as "special purpose").
4. **Complete the enclosed verification form within 10 days of issuing the Public Notice** and mail it to Ohio EPA - CDO. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published or posted.
5. **Discontinue the Water Use Advisory** – The water use advisory shall remain in effect until one set of four (4) repeat samples is total coliform-negative. Notify the people served by the water system when the water use advisory is discontinued.
6. **Monitor with at least five (5) routine samples** in the month following a routine total coliform-positive result in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-21(B)(7).

If you have any questions, contact this office at 614-728-3871.

Sincerely,



Mark Boden
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
Central District Office

Enclosures: Tier 1 Public Notification
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form

c: Franklin County Health Department
District File Copy

ec: eDoc
Mark Boden

PUBLIC NOTICE- DRINKING WATER WARNING

Fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria were found in the Heimat Haus

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING OR USE BOTTLED WATER

Bottled water is available from _____.

What should I do?

- *DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for at least one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.*
- *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short term effects, diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- *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. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.*

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 _____
name of contact phone number

or at _____
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. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

PWS ID: OH2532212

Date this public notice was distributed:

Tier 1: Fecal coliform or *E. coli* Notice – Non community (boil option)

PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR TIER 1 VIOLATIONS

The owner or operator of a public water system with a Tier 1 violation or situation that may pose an acute risk to human health is required to notify the persons served by the public water system. Notice shall be issued as soon as practical but **no later than 24 hours** after the system learns of the violation. Public notice shall be repeated as established during consultation with Ohio EPA.

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
<p>Use one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served by the public water system:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public notice issued by appropriate broadcast media (such as radio and television stations) 2. Public notice issued by continuous posting in conspicuous places throughout the area served by the water system (required to remain posted for as long as the violation exists) 3. Public notice issued by hand delivery to persons served by the water system 4. Public notice issued by another delivery method approved in writing 	<p>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</p> <p>1A. Name of station(s) _____</p> <p>1B. Date provided to station(s) _____</p> <p>2A. Dates of posting _____</p> <p>2B. Locations of posting _____ _____</p> <p>3. Date of delivery _____</p> <p>4A. Method _____</p> <p>4B. Date _____</p>
<p>Additional methods established in consultation with Ohio EPA</p>	<p>A. Method(s) _____ _____</p> <p>B. Date(s) _____</p>

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

Heimat Haus
OH2532212
Franklin County
June 2012
Total Coliform Acute MCL (Vio. Type 21)
Vio Id: 9660106

For Ohio EPA Use Only:	
Date PN received: _____	
PN acceptable: _____	PN not acceptable: _____