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Putnam Community Water Assoc

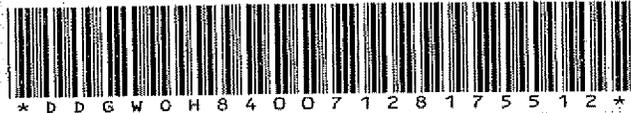
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**STREET ADDRESS:**

Lazarus Government Center  
50 W. Town St., Suite 700  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

TELE: (614) 644-275  
www.epa



**NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED**

January 13, 2010

Certified Mail

Putnam Community Water Association  
545 Masonic Park Lane  
Marietta, OH 45750

Washington County  
Putnam Community Water Association  
Community PWS  
PWS ID: OH8400712  
Facility ID: 8459542

**Subject: Violation of Maximum Contaminant Level for Nitrate**

Putnam Community Water Association is in violation for exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate in drinking water during January, 2009. The Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) establishes an MCL of 10 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for nitrate. The nitrate concentration was 12.8 mg/L for the sample collected on January 5, 2010.

**As a result of receiving a MCL violation, your system must take the following actions:**

1. Issue the enclosed "Repeat Drinking Water Warning" within 24 hours from notification of the MCL violation as specified by the enclosed instructions. The enclosed public notice may be used to meet this requirement. If you wish to change the notice, contact this office prior to issuance; **AND**
2. Continue monitoring for nitrate at least weekly from the entry point until sample results indicate that the MCL will no longer be exceeded; **AND**
3. Reissue the public notice weekly using the "Repeat Drinking Water Warning" notice as long as the sample results continue to exceed the MCL. The public notice should be updated with the most recent sample results; **AND**
4. Issue the enclosed "Nitrate Advisory Cancelled" notice when sample results are reliably below the MCL (recommend average of 8 mg/L or less); **AND**
5. Complete a verification form and send it with a copy of the public notice to my attention at the above mailing address each time a public notice is issued.

If you have any questions or wish to revise any of the notices, please call me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,

*Wendy Sheeran*  
Wendy Sheeran

Enclosure: Laboratory List, Public Notices, Verification Form

cc: Superintendent/Manager, DDAGW – SEDO file; DDAGW- CO file; Washington County Health Dept.

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor  
Chris Korleski, Director

# REPEAT DRINKING WATER WARNING

Putnam Community Water Association water  
continues to have high levels of nitrate

**DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD  
OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA OR JUICE**

Results from water samples collected on January 5, 2010 showed nitrate levels of 12.8 mg/L. This is above the nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 10 mg/L. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

This warning has been ongoing since \_\_\_\_\_.

- **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. Prepare infant formula using bottled water or other water low in nitrates until further notice.
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level.
- Adults and children older than six months can drink the tap water. However, if you are pregnant, nursing or have specific health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor.

For more information, please contact:

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

PWSID: OH8400712

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Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_