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Vinton County Water Company

8/31/2007



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CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Vinton County  
Vinton County Water Comp  
Community Water System  
PWS ID: OH8200603

VINTON COUNTY WATER COMPANY  
311 WEST MAIN STREET  
MCARTHUR, OH 45651

**RE: TRIHALOMETHANES, TOTAL (TTHM) MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL EXCEEDANCE**

Dear Public Water System Owner:

This letter is notification that your public water system is in violation of rule 3745-81-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Vinton County Water Comp has exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM within the April 1 through June 30, 2007 time period.

Paragraph B of rule 3745-81-12 establishes an MCL of 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for TTHM. Compliance with the MCL is based on the running annual average of four consecutive quarters of samples. The current running annual average for TTHM is 0.085 mg/L.

As a result of this violation, rule 3745-81-32 of the OAC requires that a public notice be issued by your facility informing your consumers of the violation. Included with this violation is a public notice containing the mandatory health effects language that must appear in the notice. If you wish to make additional statements in the notice, this office must be contacted first. The public notice must be issued within 30 days as specified in the enclosed "Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form for Community Public Water Systems with Tier 2 Violations". Please complete and return this form along with a copy of the public notice, once it is issued.

Vinton County Water Comp public water system is required to continue monitoring according to your most recent Chemical Monitoring Distribution Schedule. For questions concerning the public notice requirement, please contact me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,

Sarah E. Byerly  
Compliance Assurance Section  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosures: Public Notice and Verification Form for Tier 2 Violations

cc: Superintendent/Manager; SEDO, DDAGW; DDAGW; Vinton County Health Department

# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## Vinton County Water Comp Has Levels of Trihalomethanes, total Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Trihalomethanes, total (TTHM). The sample(s) collected on May 9, 2007 show TTHM at 0.076 mg/L. The average level of TTHM over the last year was 0.085 mg/L. The standard for TTHM is 0.080 mg/L.

### What Should I Do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

### What Does This Mean?

The levels detected do not pose an immediate risk to your health. However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

### What Is Being Done?

We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Vinton County Water Comp at:

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

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

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.*