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October 1, 2007

**RE: MONTGOMERY COUNTY
GERMANTOWN VILLAGE
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM
PWS ID# 5701012**

Village of Germantown
75 North Walnut Street
Germantown, Ohio 45327

Subject: Notice of Violation of Monthly Maximum Contaminant Level for Total Coliform Bacteria

Your public water system incurred a **monthly** violation of Rule 3745-81-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) in September 2007.

A monthly violation of Rule 3745-81-14 occurs when more than one or greater than five percent of your samples within the month were total coliform-positive.

Actions required as a result of the above violation	
Step 1	<p>Within 30 days issue the attached public notice of the violation in accordance with Rule 3745-81-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code by the following method(s) to reach all persons served by the public water system:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. mail or other direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections; and 2. if necessary, the system must also use any other method reasonably calculated to reach all persons served by the public water system. <p>The language in italics on the attached public notice is mandatory and must be included as written.</p>
Step 2	Immediately initiate an investigation to determine and eliminate the cause and extent of bacterial contamination.
Step 3	Fill out the attached verification form and send along with a copy of the public notification issued within 10 days to the Southwest District Office of the Ohio EPA.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Secor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

David R. Secor
Compliance Coordinator
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

cc: Toni Buchanan, DDAGW/CO
Montgomery County Health Department

Enclosures

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DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Tests showed coliform bacteria in Germantown Village water

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took Twenty (20) samples for coliform bacteria during September 2007. Three (3) of those samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. No more than [1 sample per month/5 percent of our samples] may show the presence of coliform bacteria during a month.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly people may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.
- Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution systems.
- *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Fecal coliform or *E. coli*, which are bacteria of greater concern, were not detected in the follow-up testing.

What is being done?

Further testing shows that **coliform bacteria are no longer being detected** and this problem has been resolved.

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

PWS ID# 5701012 Date distributed: _____

Tier 2: Resolved Total Coliform Monthly MCL Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH TIER 2 VIOLATIONS**

The owner or operator of a community public water system with a Tier 2 violation or situation shall notify the persons served by the public water system as soon as practical but **no later than 30 days** after the system learns of the violation. Public notice shall be repeated every 3 months 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
<p>Use the following method to reach all persons served by the public water system:</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</p> <p>A. Date of mailing/delivery _____</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>A. Method(s)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-----</p> <p>B. Date(s) _____</p>

Please check if the public notice used was provided by Ohio EPA (other side of this form) or another acceptable notice was used:

- _____ A public notice as shown on the other side of this sheet was issued without changes.
 _____ A different public notice was issued. **INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.**

 Signature of Responsible Official Date

 Printed Name and Title of Responsible Official

Germantown Village
 NAME OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
 PWSID NUMBER: 5701012

COUNTY NAME: Montgomery

For OEPA use only
 Date PN Received: _____

VIOLATION TYPE: 22
 MONITORING PERIOD September 2007

PN acceptable: _____ PN not acceptable: _____