

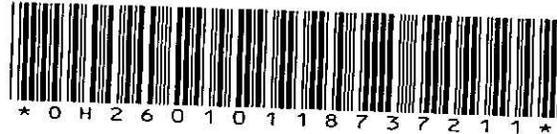


Environmental Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
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OH2601011 SWANTON VILLAGE

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Re: Fulton County
Village of Swanton
Community Water System
PWS ID# OH2601011
STU# 2654227

March 9, 2011

Mr. Jon Gochenour, Village Administrator
Village of Swanton
219 Chestnut Street
Swanton, Ohio 43558

Subject: Notice of violation - Failure to meet the treatment technique turbidity requirements in rules 3745-81-71 through 3745-81-75 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)

Dear Mr. Gochenour:

The Village of Swanton water system failed to provide sufficient filtration of its drinking water when the turbidity levels of representative samples of its filtered water exceeded 1 nephelometric turbidity unit (NTU) on March 8, 2011.

Failure to meet any requirement of OAC rule 3745-81-73, Filtration of Water from Surface Water Sources, is a treatment technique violation for which public notice is required under OAC rule 3745-81-32.

Actions required as a result of the above violation	
Step 1	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; and If the above method does not reach all persons served , any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the system. Other methods may include: publication in a local newspaper; delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., apartment building owners or large private employers); posting in public places served by the system or on the Internet; or delivery to community organizations. If the public notice is posted, the notice shall remain in place for as long as the violation or situation persists, but in no case for less than seven days, even if the violation or situation is resolved.
Step 2	Initiate an investigation and take the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.
Step 3	Within 10 days of completing Step 1, fill out the attached verification form and send it along with a copy of the public notification issued to the Northwest District Office of Ohio EPA.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3103.

Sincerely,



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Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Enclosures

pc: Mike Fields, Operator of Record (w/ enclosures)
Fulton County Health Department
Toni Buchanan, DDAGW, CO
~~DDAGW, NWDO, File (w/ enclosures)~~

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

The Village of Swanton Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

We routinely monitor our water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. A water sample taken on March 8, 2011 showed turbidity levels of 1.5 turbidity units. This is above the standard of one turbidity unit. Because of these high levels of turbidity, there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil the water or take other actions.** We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.
- *Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. 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.*
- 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.

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 _____ 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.

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