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Re: Hardin County
Village of Alger
Community Water System
PWS ID# 3300112

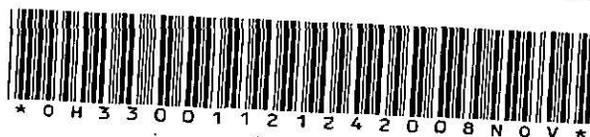
January 24, 2008

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ALGER, VILLAGE OF

1/24/2008

Mr. Butch Lawrence, President
Board of Public Affairs
Village of Alger
207 Angle Street
P. O. Box 400
Alger, Ohio 45812



Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Subject: NOV for Failure to Respond to Significant Deficiencies

This letter is notification that the Village of Alger is in violation of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-60(D) for failure to respond in writing within 45 days indicating how and on what schedule the system will address the requirements listed in my correspondence dated November 28, 2007. The last survey of the Village of Alger's water system was performed on October 17, 2007, and the following were identified as corrective actions needing to be addressed:

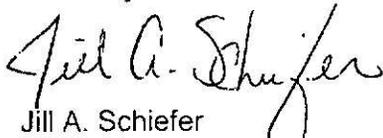
1. OAC Rule 3745-9-04(A)(6) states potential sources of contamination shall not be constructed or placed within the sanitary isolation radius of a public water system well. Pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals are not to be used near the wellheads. Check the practices of the village park personnel to assure nothing is being sprayed, dumped or stored near the village's water system.
2. OAC Rule 3745-9-05(O)(2) requires the finished grade to be sloped so as to direct surface water away from the well. The well casing at finished grade is to be maintained at a minimum of 12 inches above grade. Re-grade around the well casings to be able to maintain an appropriate finished grade, as needed.
3. OAC Rule 3745-95-02(A) states no person shall install or maintain a water service connection to any premises where actual or potential cross connections to a public water system or a consumer's water system may exist unless such actual or potential cross connections are abated or controlled to the satisfaction of the supplier of water. Be sure all commercial, industrial and potential cross-connection service connections to the water system have installed an appropriate backflow device. Be sure to include all of the village-owned property.

4. OAC Rule 3745-95-06(C) states that it shall be the duty of the consumer on which backflow prevention devices required by OAC 3745-95 are installed, to have thorough inspections and operational tests made of the devices as required by the supplier of water. Require all consumers (this includes the village-owned property) having a backflow prevention device to have the device tested by a certified plumber every 12 months.
5. OAC Rule 3745-95-03(A) states the supplier of water shall conduct periodic surveys and investigations of water use practices within a consumer's premises to determine whether there are actual or potential cross connections to the consumer's water system through which contaminants or pollutants could backflow into the public water system. Set up a schedule for conducting these periodic surveys.
6. Individual booster pumps are not permitted on any individual residential service from a public water system. Establish a mechanism to ensure compliance with OAC Rule 3745-95-07.
7. OAC Rule 3745-95-09 states that yard hydrants with weep holes are prohibited. Replace the yard hydrants with sanitary yard hydrants that do not have weep holes, such as those that meet the requirements of the "American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) Standard 1057, Performance Requirements for Freeze Resistant Yard Hydrants with Backflow Protection" (2001).

The water system must respond in writing **within 15 days** from the date of this letter with the required information. Failure to comply may result in further enforcement action.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, feel free to contact me at (419)373-3089 or via email at jill.schiefer@epa.state.oh.us. Questions regarding any other matter involving your water system should be directed to Larry Moritz ((419)373-3042 or via email at larry.moritz@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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