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Re: Mercer County
St. Charles Seminary PWS
Community Water System
PWS ID #5401212

February 25, 2009

OH5401212

SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY

2/25/2009

Ron Keller, Business Manager
The Society of the Most Precious Blood
St. Charles Seminary
2860 U.S. Route 127
Carthagen, Ohio 45822



SUBJECT: CCR VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Keller:

The Ohio EPA-Northwest District Office (NWDO) received the 2007 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the St. Charles Seminary public water system (PWS) on June 26, 2008. The CCR was reviewed for the required content. Based on our review, the St. Charles Seminary PWS is in violation of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 3745-96-01 through 04 for failure to comply with the CCR requirements, the following violations were noted:

1. The source water assessment report language based on available information as noted in that assessment report was absent. The susceptibility rating of the aquifer was included in the CCR, but **the basis of the susceptibility rating and contact information** that water consumers can use, if needed, to request more information **were not included**. I have enclosed a copy of the proposed CCR language which this Agency suggested that you use in your CCR. This had been included as Attachment 'A' with the 'Drinking Water Source Assessment Report' which was sent to Brother Gerald Hall on May 2, 2003. [OAC rule 3745-96-02 (B)(2)]
2. The 'Table of Detected Contaminants', an essential part of the CCR, was mostly inadequate. The Table was to include the most recent data for detected contaminants but does not need to include any data older than five years. **Do not include in the Table contaminants that are not detected**. I have also enclosed a copy of your 2007 CCR with my comments regarding appropriate corrections to the Table. An example CCR 'Table of Detected Contaminants' can also be found on pages 4-5 in the CCR Template Instruction Guide. [OAC rule 3745-96-02 (D)]

The Table needs to be titled 'Table of Detected Contaminants'. Contaminant headers are '**Residual Disinfectants**' for total chlorine, '**Inorganic Contaminants**' for copper, and '**Volatile Organic Contaminants**' for bromodichloromethane, chlorodibromomethane, and chloroform which were sampled from the entry point tap, also total trihalomethanes and total haloacetic acids which were sampled from the maximum residence tap.

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3. Two key terms, ppm (mg/L) and ppb (ug/L), that were to have been used in the report, which your customers may need to understand the contaminant data, must also be clearly defined as follows:

"Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L) are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days."

"Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (ug/L) are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years."

- Be sure to correct the violations as appropriate in your next CCR. The next report for calendar year 2008 must be sent to your customers by no later than July 1, 2009. A copy of the CCR along with a Certification Form must also be submitted to NWDO by no later than July 1, 2009 at the above address. Violations in future reports may result in further enforcement action.

The CCR template and template instruction guide are accessible on the Agency website at: www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/Documents/ccrtemplateInstructions08.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matter, then please contact me directly by telephone at (419) 373-3088 or via the internet at jack.schwartz@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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