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Re: Ottawa County
Village of Elmore
Community Water System
PWS ID# 6200712

February 15, 2007

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ELMORE VILLAGE PWS

2/15/2007

Mr. Buck Stoiber, Superintendent
Village of Elmore
340 Clinton Street
Elmore, Ohio 43416



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Re: Notice of Violation – Failure to submit valid Monthly Operating Reports for November and December 2006 and January 2007

Dear Mr. Stoiber:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) requires that laboratories obtain and maintain certification in order to perform analyses to determine compliance with Chapters 3745-81 and 3745-82 and rules 3745-91-06 and 3745-9-09 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) and with plant control tests, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-89-03.

In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-89-04(B), "When a valid certification for analysis of drinking water is not renewed in accordance with paragraph (A) of this rule, the certification expires and analyses by the laboratory shall not satisfy the requirements of Chapters 3745-81, 3745-82, 3745-9 and rule 3745-91-06 of the Administrative Code. If the laboratory wishes to be recertified for drinking water analysis, it may apply for certification as required by rule 3745-89-03 of the Administrative Code. Where the physical facility of the laboratory conforms to a laboratory plan which has been previously approved, the requirements of paragraph (A)(1) of rule 3745-89-03 of the Administrative Code may be considered to be satisfied."

The Village of Elmore laboratory (Cert# 1021) did not submit an application for renewal, no sooner than one hundred twenty days and no later than thirty days prior to the expiration of the currently valid certification. Therefore, the plant control tests submitted on EPA Form 5002 (Monthly Operating Report) between November 23, 2006 and January 7, 2007, are determined to be invalid.

The Village of Elmore is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-83-01(G) for analyzing plant control tests at a laboratory not holding the required certification.

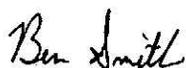
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In addition, OAC Rule 3745-83-01(G), effective October 1, 2006, requires that the Village of Elmore complete weekly sampling of Iron and Hardness using a state-certified laboratory, biweekly (once every two weeks) sampling of Total alkalinity, and daily sampling of free and combined chlorine at the plant tap and at each entry point to the distribution and pH. In addition, the plant production must be recorded on the report daily.

To avoid future violations, ensure that a certified laboratory is used for all appropriate sampling completed for the Village of Elmore and ensure that all constituents are sampled and reported on EPA Form 5002 for each month.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (419)373-3101.

Sincerely,



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