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OH7005032 WALNUT HILLS WATER

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**NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED**

June 25, 2008

RE: Richland County  
Walnut Hills Water 1  
Community Water System  
PWS ID # OH7005012  
**REVISED LETTER**

Mr. Charles F. Elbert  
Walnut Hills Water Association  
582 Cliffside Drive  
Mansfield, OH 44904

**Subject: Failure to Sample Drinking Water for Total Coliform as Required**

Walnut Hills Water 1 is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-21 for failure to comply with the total coliform monitoring requirements.

**Monitoring Period:** April 2008\*  
**Required Coliform Monitoring:** 1 Routine sample each month  
**Sample Results Submitted:** None

*\*Note: During a phone conversation on June 20, 2008, Mark Henke stated that the incorrect PWS ID # was written on Microbiological Sample Submission Reports for two total coliform samples collected on March 11 and May 6 (Sample numbers 73327 and 73329, respectively). The samples were collected from the Walnut Hills #3 (PWS 7005032) system. Based on this information, bacteriological records for Walnut Hills Water 1 and 3 have been corrected and this Notice of Violation revised to reflect a monitoring violation for April, 2008.*

To ensure the safety of drinking water provided by your system, monitoring for total coliforms is essential.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

- 1. Notify the people served by this water system** using one or more of the methods and the timing as required by OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 to reach all persons served. The appropriate methods for your system are listed below under the **Community** column.

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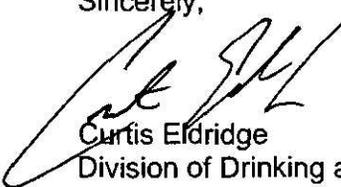
| Community  | Transient or Non-Transient Non-Community  |
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| <b>Timing:</b><br>As soon as practical, but no later than one year after learning of the violation:  | <b>Timing:</b><br>As soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after learning of the violation:  |
| <b>Methods:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mail or other direct delivery to each customer; or</li><li>• Annual Consumer Confidence Report provided it's distributed within one year after learning of the violation; and</li><li>• If necessary to reach all persons regularly served, use other notification methods such as newspaper publication, public posting or Internet posting</li></ul> | <b>Methods:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Posting in conspicuous location, such as bulletin boards, restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas</li><li>• Mail or other direct delivery to each customer</li><li>• Newsletters or newspaper</li><li>• E-mail to employees or students</li><li>• Send to parents or guardians of children at schools or day care facilities</li></ul> |
| <i>Posted notices must remain in place as long as the violation or situation exists, but in no case less than seven days (even if the violation is resolved). The language in italics on the enclosed public notice is mandatory and must be included, as written. Do not make changes to the public notice without consulting with the Ohio EPA beforehand.</i>   |   |

2. **Complete the enclosed Verification Form within 10 days of issuing the Public Notice** and mail it to Ohio EPA - Northwest District Office. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published or posted.

If total coliform samples were collected as required, submit the results as soon as possible. The monitoring violation would be rescinded and a reporting violation given for late submittal of the results.

If you have any questions, contact this office at 419-373-3105.

Sincerely,



Curtis Eldridge  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

JW/lb

Enclosures: Tier 3 Drinking Water Notice  
Public Notice Instructions & Verification Form

pc: Marc Henke, Operator in Responsible Charge  
Richland County Health Department  
~~DDAGW; NWDO-w/Enclosures~~  
IMS, DDAGW, CO - Attn: Toni Buchanan

# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## Monitoring requirements were not met for Walnut Hills Water 1 PWS

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During April 2008, we "did not monitor or test" or "did not complete all monitoring or testing" for total coliform bacteria, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

### What Should I Do?

- *There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective action.*
- *This notice is to inform you that Walnut Hills Water 1 PWS did not monitor and report results for the presence of total coliform bacteria in the public drinking water system during the March 2008 and April 2008 time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.*

### What is being done?

Upon being notified of this violation, the water supply was required to have the drinking water analyzed for the above mentioned parameters. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
name of contact phone number  
or at \_\_\_\_\_  
mailing address

*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.*

PWSID# OH7005012

Date Distributed:

**PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR  
COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH TIER 3 VIOLATIONS**

The owner or operator of a community public water system with a Tier 3 violation or situation shall notify the persons served by the public water system as soon as practical but **no later than one year** after the system learns of the violation. At a minimum, community public water systems must issue the notice by **mail or other direct delivery**. Public notice issued by methods other than posting shall be repeated annually 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   |
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| <p><b>Use the following method to reach all persons served by the public water system:</b></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. The consumer confidence report delivered to customers by July 1 of each year may be used as long as the public notice includes all the required content and is delivered within the required timeframe.</p>  | <p><b>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</b></p> <p>A. Date of mailing/delivery _____</p> |
| <p><b>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.</b></p> | <p>A. Method(s) _____<br/>_____</p> <p>B. Date(s) _____</p>  |

**Please check if the public notice used was provided by Ohio EPA or another acceptable notice was used. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published and/or posted.**

- A public notice provided by the Ohio EPA was issued (without changes).  
 A different public notice was issued.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Person                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

Walnut Hills Water 1 PWS  
OH7005012  
Richland County  
April 2008  
Total Coliform Monitoring (Vio. Type 23)

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| <b>For Ohio EPA use only:</b> |   |
| Date PN received: _____       | PN acceptable: <input type="checkbox"/> PN not acceptable: <input type="checkbox"/> |