



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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Re: Seneca County
City of Fostoria
CWS
PWS OH7400411

December 9, 2010

Mr. Dennis Fligor
Director of Public Safety and Director of Public Service
City of Fostoria
213 South Main Street
Fostoria Ohio 44830-2322

Subject: Combined Filter Effluent Turbidity Violation - November 2010

Dear Mr. Fligor:

The public water system failed to comply with the treatment technique requirement for turbidity of the combined filter effluent. Turbidity levels of representative samples of filtered water must be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in at least 95 percent of the samples analyzed each month. For public water systems which continuously monitor turbidity, the duration and percent of filtered water turbidity readings during the month which are less than or equal to 0.3 NTU must be reported. According to the Surface Water Treatment Plant Monthly Operating Report for the month of November 2010, the turbidity of the filtered water was less than or equal to 0.3 NTU during a cumulative total of 515 hours of 720 hours and 71.5 percent of the turbidity readings.

Failure to comply is a treatment technique violation that requires a tier 2 public notification in accordance with rule 3745-81-32(C)(1)(a). The public notice must be provided as soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after the public water system learns of the violation. The public water system must submit to the Northwest District a completed verification form indicating that it has fully complied with the public notification regulations within 10 days of completing the public notification requirements. The public water system must include with this certification a representative copy of each type of notice distributed, published, posted, and made available to the persons served by the public water system or to the media.

If the public water system fails to correct its violations, then the director may enforce the safe drinking water regulations to attain compliance. An enforcement action may include civil penalties of not more than \$25,000 per day per violation in accordance with RC §§6109.33, or administrative penalties in accordance with rule 3745-81-04.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, or any other matter involving your water system, you may contact me at (419)373-3048, or email at Ralph.Baker@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Ralph J. Baker
Engineer
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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