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Re: Van Wert County
City of Van Wert
CWS
PWS OH8100611

February 11, 2011

Mr. Jay Fleming
Safety Service Director
City of Van Wert
515 East Main Street
Van Wert, Ohio 45891-1870

*SDWIS Code 44
ID 0300
January 2011*

Subject: Combined Filter Effluent Turbidity Violations - January 2011

Dear Mr. Fleming:

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. According to the Surface Water Treatment Plant Monthly Operating Report for the month of January 2011, the turbidity of the filtered water was less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in 90.3 percent of the turbidity samples in violation of rule 3745-81-73(A)(1).

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 (March 3, 2011). 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.

On January 6 and January 7, 2011, the turbidity of the combined filter effluent exceeded 1 NTU in violation of rule 3745-81-73(A)(2).

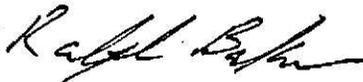
Failure to comply is a treatment technique violation that required a tier 1 public notification in accordance to rule 3745-81-32(B)(1)(g). On January 7, 2011, the public notice was issued. On January 7, 2011, the advisory was rescinded. Copies of the public notice and verification form have been received.

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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.

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,



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