

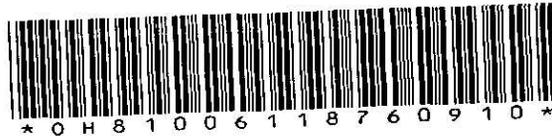


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RE: Van Wert County
City of Van Wert
CWS
PWS OH8100611

April 2, 2009

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

Subject: CFE Turbidity Treatment Technique Violation

Dear Mr. Fleming:

In violation of rule 3745-81-73(A)(1), the public water system failed to provide sufficient filtration when the turbidity of filtered water was not less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in at least 95% of the grab samples analyzed during March 2009.

Noncompliance is a treatment technique violation that requires tier 2 public notification in accordance to rules 3745-81-32(C & E) as soon as practical, but no later than 30 days after the public water system learns of the violation, or May 1, 2009. A copy of the most recent public notice for any continuing treatment technique violation must be given to all new billing units or new customers prior to or at the time service begins. An example public notice is attached.

The public water system must submit to the Northwest District a completed verification form indicating that it has fully complied with the public notification rules within 10 days of completing the public notification requirements for the initial public notice and any repeat notices. A representative copy must be included of each type of notice distributed, published, posted, and made available to the persons served by the public water system and to the media.

If the public water system fails to correct its violations, then the director may enforce the safe drinking water rules to attain compliance. An enforcement action may include civil penalties of not more than \$25000 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 [Ralph.Baker@epa.state.oh.us].

Sincerely,



Ralph J. Baker
Engineer
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH TIER 2 VIOLATIONS

The owner or operator of a community public water system with a Tier 2 violation or situation shall notify the persons served by the public water system as soon as practical but **no later than 30 days** after the system learns of the violation. Public notice shall be repeated every 3 months 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
<p>Use the following method to reach all persons served by the public water system:</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</p>	<p>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</p> <p>A. Date of mailing/delivery _____</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>A. Method(s) _____ _____ _____</p> <p>B. Date(s) _____</p>

Please check if the public notice used was provided by Ohio EPA (other side of this form) or another acceptable notice was used:

_____ A public notice as shown on the other side of this sheet was issued without changes.

_____ A different public notice was issued. **INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.**

 Signature of Responsible Person Date

 Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

For Ohio EPA use only:
 Date PN received: _____
 PN acceptable: _____ PN not acceptable: _____

NAME OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
 PWS OH8100611
 STU 8159424
COUNTY Van Wert
CONTAMINANT/ VIOLATION
TYPE
MONITORING PERIOD

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

City of Van Wert Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

We routinely monitor our water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. Water samples for March 2009 showed that 27 percent of turbidity measurements were more than 0.3 NTU. The standard is no more than 5 percent of samples may exceed 0.3 NTU per month.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil the water or take other actions.** We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.
- *Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly people may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What is being done?

We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact _____ at _____ or _____.
name of contact phone number mailing address

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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.

PWS: OH8100611 Date distributed: _____