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OH8752812 NORTHWESTERN W AND SD -TOLEDO SVCE 25 06/30/11



NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

July 1, 2011

Re: Wood County
Northwestern Water and Sewer District
Toledo Service Area
Community Water System
PWS ID: OH8752812

Mr. Jerry R. Greiner
Northwestern Water and Sewer District
12560 Middleton Pike
P. O. Box 348
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Subject: Failure to Report Required Repeat Total Coliform Monitoring

Northwestern Water and Sewer District - Toledo Service Area is in violation of reporting requirements for Total Coliform established by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-21 for June 2011.

Ohio EPA records indicate that a total coliform-positive sample was collected from this water system on 06/14/2011 and the required repeat samples were not reported as required. To ensure the safety of drinking water provided by your system monitoring and reporting with all of the required repeat samples is essential.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- 1. Consult with Ohio EPA within 24 hours** regarding public notice requirements. If you have not already received direction regarding this violation, contact the NWDO at 419-373-3089.
- 2. Issue the enclosed public notice** in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 using one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served.
 - Mail;
 - Hand delivery;
 - If applicable, provide copy to owner/operator of any consecutive water system for their notification to customers;
 - Posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation exists, but in no case for less than seven (7) 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 Ohio EPA beforehand.
- 3. Complete the enclosed verification form, within 10 days of issuing the Public Notice** and mail it to Ohio EPA - NWDO. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published or posted.
- 4. Monitor with at least five (5) routine samples** in the month following a routine total coliform-positive result in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-21(B)(7).

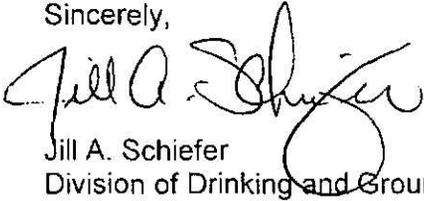
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Bowling Green, OH 43402-9398

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419 | 352 8468 (fax)
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If you have any questions, contact this office at 419-373-3089.

Sincerely,



Jill A. Schiefer
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

JKS/cs

Enclosures: Tier 1 Public Notification
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form

pc: Wood County Health Department
Information Management Section, DDAGW, CO
'DDAGW=NWDO (w/enclosures)'

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Tests showed coliform bacteria in Northwestern Water and Sewer District – Toledo Service Area's water

Sampling conducted for our water system showed total coliform bacteria were found in (a) sample collected June 14, 2011. We were required to collect four repeat samples within 24 hours of notification of any total coliform positive result to determine if *E. coli* or fecal coliform bacteria were present. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. We did not report the required repeat samples on time.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. 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.

Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

What is being done?

Further testing shows that **total coliform bacteria are no longer being detected** and this problem has been resolved.

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

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(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.

PWSID#: 8752812

Date distributed:

**PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM
FOR TIER 1 VIOLATIONS**

The owner or operator of a public water system with a Tier 1 violation or situation that may pose an acute risk to human health is required to notify the persons served by the public water system. Notice shall be issued as soon as practical but **no later than 24 hours** after the system learns of the violation. Public notice shall be repeated as established during consultation with Ohio EPA.

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 one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served by the public water system:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public notice issued by appropriate broadcast media (such as radio and television stations) 2. Public notice issued by continuous posting in conspicuous places throughout the area served by the water system (required to remain posted for as long as the violation exists) 3. Public notice issued by hand delivery to persons served by the water system 4. Public notice issued by another delivery method approved in writing 	<p>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</p> <p>1A. Name of station(s) _____</p> <p>1B. Date provided to station(s) _____</p> <p>2A. Dates of posting _____</p> <p>2B. Locations of posting _____ _____</p> <p>3. Date of delivery _____</p> <p>4A. Method _____</p> <p>4B. Date _____</p>
<p>Additional methods established in consultation with Ohio EPA</p>	<p>A. Method(s) _____ _____</p> <p>B. Date(s) _____</p>

Complete the enclosed verification form and mail it to Ohio EPA – NWDO. INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.

Signature of Responsible Person Date

Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

Northwestern W and S -Toledo Svce Area
OH8752812
Wood County
June 2011
Total Coliform Repeat Monitoring (Vio. Type 25)

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