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Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor  
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Re: Mercer County  
S & K Products Company  
NTNon-Community Water System  
PWS ID #5440312

July 26, 2007

Mr. V. J. Westerheide, President  
S & K Products Company  
4540 U.S. Route 127  
P.O. Box 166  
Coldwater, Ohio 45828-0166

OH5440312 S AND K PRODUCTS COMPANY

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**Subject: Notice of Violation of Monthly Maximum Contaminant Level  
for Total Coliform Bacteria**

Your public water system incurred a **monthly** violation of Rule 3745-81-14 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) in July 2007.

A monthly violation of Rule 3745-81-14 occurs when more than one of your samples within the month were total coliform-positive.

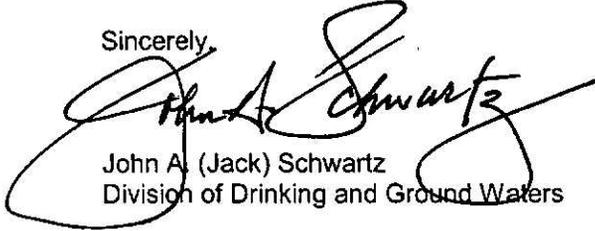
Sample Date	Sample Tap	Total Coliform	Fecal Coliform	E. coli	Sample Number	Lab Cert. Number
07-16-07	Restroom Faucet	Positive	--	Negative	71607005	840
07-19-07	Bay #2 Restroom	Positive	--	Negative	71907014	840
07-19-07	Office Restroom	Positive	--	Negative	71907015	840

Actions required as a result of the above violation	
Step 1	<b>Within 30 days</b> issue the enclosed public notice of the violation in accordance with Rule 3745-81-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code by the following method(s) to reach all persons served by the public water system:  Posting in conspicuous locations (restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas, restaurants, bulletin boards, etc.).
Step 2	Immediately initiate an investigation to determine and eliminate the cause and extent of bacterial contamination.
Step 3	Within ten (10) days of completing <b>Step 1</b> above, fill out the enclosed verification form and send it and a copy of the public notification issued to the Northwest District Office of Ohio EPA.
Step 4	Because you are required to monitor with at least five (5) samples in the next month following any total coliform-positive result you must take at least five (5) total coliform samples in August 2007.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3088.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Schwartz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John A. (Jack) Schwartz  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Enclosures

pc: Andrew J. Will, Operations Manager  
Toni Buchanan, DDAGW, CO  
Mercer County Health Department  
DDAGW-NWDO File

# DRINKING WATER NOTICE

## Tests show coliform bacteria in S&K Product's water

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took five (5) samples for coliform bacteria during July 2007. Three (3) of those samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. No more than one sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

### 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.
- Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution systems.
- *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. Fecal coliform or E. coli, which are bacteria of greater concern, were not detected in the water.*

### What is being done?

We are still detecting coliform bacteria. 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 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.*

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Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_

Tier 2: Unresolved Total Coliform Monthly MCL Notice

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

The owner or operator of a noncommunity 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.

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><b>Use one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served by the public water system:</b></p> <p>1. Public notice issued by posting in conspicuous locations throughout the distribution system (required to remain posted for as long as the violation exists, but in no case less than 7 days). Schools/day cares should also send a copy of the notice to the parents of all students.</p> <p>2. Public notice issued by mail or other direct delivery to each customer and service connection (where known).</p>	<p>1A. Dates of posting _____</p> <p>1B. Locations of posting _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>1C. Date of notice to parents _____ (If school/day care)</p> <p>2A. Date of mailing/delivery _____</p>
<p><b>If the above methods do not reach all persons served, also use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons served by the system (e.g. publication in a local newspaper or newsletter, use of e-mail to notify employees or students, or delivery of multiple copies to central locations)</b></p>	<p>A. Method(s) _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</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 THE PUBLIC NOTICE**

\_\_\_\_\_ A public notice as enclosed with this letter was issued without changes.

\_\_\_\_\_ A different public notice was issued.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Responsible Official      Date

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

S&K Products Company  
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM  
PWS ID# 5440312  
COUNTY NAME: Mercer  
VIOLATION TYPE: 22  
MONITORING PERIOD: July - Sept. 2007

<b>For Ohio EPA use only</b>	
<b>Date PN Received:</b>	
<b>PN acceptable:</b>	<b>PN not acceptable:</b>