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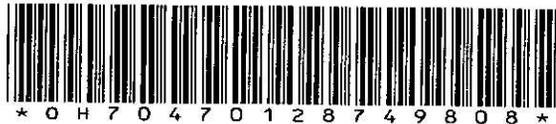
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OH7047012 OMNI SOURCE CORPORATION

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Re: County, RICHLAND
Omni Source Corporation
NTNC Water System
PWS ID#: OH7047012
LEAD / COPPER



February 8, 2008

ACTION REQUIRED

Mr. Jim Cross
Omni Source Corporation
1500 Old Bowman Street Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44903

**Re: Notice of Violation:
Lead and Copper Rule Treatment Technique –
Failure to distribute Public Education materials**

Dear Mr. Cross:

Omni Source Corporation water system exceeded the **Lead Action Level** during the 2005-2007, compliance period (*June 1 – September 30, 2007 sampling period*) and was, therefore, required to perform additional steps to remain in compliance with the lead and copper rules in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Omni Source Corporation is in violation of the OAC for failure to distribute public education materials for lead by the November 30, 2007, deadline.

As long as this system exceeds the lead action level, you must distribute public education information once every twelve months, based on the original deadline. You can **STOP** delivering public education materials when the 90th percentile concentration for lead is less than 15 µg/l during one monitoring period.

Actions required as a result of the above violation(s):

Public Education

1. **Distribute public education materials for lead immediately.** See the enclosed attachment *Public Education Requirements* for details. This is different from, and in addition to, the requirement to issue public notification as described below.
2. Within **10 days** of completing Step 1, fill out the attached verification form for *public education materials* and send it, along with a copy of the **exact** public education materials distributed, to the Northwest District Office.

Public Notification

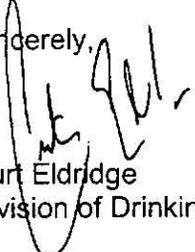
3. **Notify the people served by this water system.** Within 30 days issue the enclosed public notice in accordance with OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 by the following method(s) to reach all persons served. The appropriate methods for your system are listed below under the **Non-Transient Non-Community** column.

Community	Transient or Non-Transient Non-Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mail or other direct delivery to each customer• If necessary to reach all persons regularly served, use other notification methods also, such as newspaper publication, public posting or Internet posting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Posting in conspicuous locations, such as bulletin boards, restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas;• Mail or other direct delivery to each customer• Send to parents or guardians of children at schools or day care facilities• E-mail, newsletters or newspaper
<p>Posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation exists, but in no case for less than seven 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.</p>	

4. Within **10 days** of completing Step 3, fill out the attached verification form and send it, along with a copy of the public notification issued, to the Northwest District Office.

If you have any questions concerning the requirements in this letter or need to request technical assistance, please feel free to contact me at 419-373-3105.

Sincerely,


Curt Eldridge
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Enclosures: Tier 2: LCR PE Public Notice
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form
Lead Public Education Materials
Verification Form for Lead Public Education Materials

pc: Richland County Health Department
Toni Buchanan, DDAGW-CO

DDAGW, NWDO-File

Example Public Notice

Verification form for Public Notification

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

The owner or operator of a non-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 one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served by the public water system:</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)</p> <p>2. Public notice issued by mail or other direct delivery to each customer and service connection (where known).</p>	<p>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</p> <p>1A. Dates of posting _____</p> <p>1B. Locations of posting _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>2. Date of mailing/delivery _____</p>
<p>Schools and Day-Care Facilities must notify parents or guardians of children being served by methods besides posting, such as a newsletter, e-mail notice, or direct mailing</p>	<p>A. Method(s) _____</p> <p>B. Date(s) _____</p>
<p>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).</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 Official Date

Printed Name and Title of Responsible Official

Omni Source Corporation
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
PWSID NUMBER: OH7047012
COUNTY NAME: Richland

<p><u>For Ohio EPA use only</u> Date PN Received: _____</p>	<p>VIOLATION TYPE: 65 CONTAMINANT: Lead and Copper COMPLIANCE PERIOD: January 11, 2008 – December 31, 2015</p>
<p>PN acceptable: PN not acceptable:</p>	

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Omni Source Corporation Water Contains High Levels of Lead

FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT TREATMENT TECHNIQUE REQUIREMENTS

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The tests show lead levels in the water above the limit, or "action level," so we are required to distribute public education materials for lead to consumers of our water. The Omni Source Corporation water system failed to distribute public education materials by December 31, 2007 as required by Ohio EPA.

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead or copper:

- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead and copper.
- Find out whether your pipes contain lead, copper, or lead solder.
- Run your water for 15 - 30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes the pipes of standing water which may contain higher levels of lead and copper.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead and copper dissolve more easily into hot water.
- **Do not boil your water to remove lead.** Excessive boiling water makes it more concentrated – it remains when the water evaporates.

What does this mean?

Typically, **lead** enters water supplies by leaching from lead or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason; however, many older homes may contain lead pipes. Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in or leading to your home are made of lead or contain lead solder.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What happened? What is being done?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. We are distributing our public education materials in conjunction with this public notice.

For more information, please contact _____
name of contact

at _____ or _____
phone number mailing address

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#: OH7047012 Date distributed: _____