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OH7037812 SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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Re: Richland County
Sacred Heart School
NT Non-Community Water System
PWS ID#: OH7037812
LEAD / COPPER

March 31, 2009

ACTION REQUIRED

Ms. Lisa Myers
Sacred Heart School
5754 State Route 61 South
Shelby, Ohio 44875

**Re: Notice of Violation:
Lead and Copper Rule Treatment Technique
Failure to Monitor for and Report Water Quality Parameters**

Dear Ms. Myers:

Sacred Heart School exceeded the **Lead Action Level** during the June-September 2008, compliance period and is, therefore, required to perform additional steps to remain in compliance with the lead and copper rules in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Sacred Heart School is in violation of the OAC for failure to monitor by January 31, 2009, and report Water Quality Parameters by February 10, 2009.

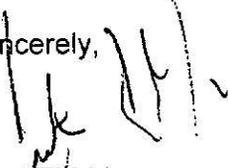
Actions required as a result of the above violation(s):

1. **Immediately monitor for and report Water Quality Parameters, according to the attached instructions (*Water Quality Parameter and Lead & Copper Monitoring*).**
2. **Issue public notification:** Within 30 days of the date of this letter, issue public notification as required by OAC rule 3745-81-32. An example public notification is enclosed.
3. Within **10 days** of issuing public notification, fill out the attached verification form and send it, along with a copy of the public notification issued, to this District Office.

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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

JW/lr

Enclosures: Water Quality Parameter and Lead & Copper Monitoring
Form EPA 5108
Drinking Water Notice
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form

pc: Richland County Health Department
Toni Buchanan, DDAGW-CO
~~DDAGW, NWDO w/Enclosures~~

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Sacred Heart School Water Contains High Levels of Lead

FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT TREATMENT TECHNIQUE REQUIREMENTS

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The samples collected during June-September, 2008 showed lead levels in the water above the limit, or "action level," so we are required to conduct additional monitoring. The Sacred Heart School water system failed to monitor for water quality parameters by January 31, 2009, and report the results by February 10, 2009 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 or copper.** Excessive boiling water makes them more concentrated – they remain 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 preparing to collect our samples for water quality parameters as soon as possible. **Regular Lead and copper tap water samples collected on February 13, 2009 were below the limit or Action Level for both Lead and Copper.**

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#: 7037812 Date distributed: _____

**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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 should also send a copy of the notice to the parents of all students. Public notice issued by mail or other direct delivery to each customer and service connection (where known). 	<p>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</p> <p>1A. Dates of posting 1B. Locations of posting</p> <p>1C. Date of notice to parents</p> <p>2A. Date of mailing/delivery</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>

Within **10 days** of issuing public notification, fill out the this verification form and send it, along with a copy of the public notification issued, to the Northwest District Office.

Signature of Responsible Official Date

Printed Name and Title of Responsible Official

Sacred Heart School
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
PWSID NUMBER: 7037812
COUNTY NAME: Wood

For Ohio EPA use only
Date PN Received: _____

PN acceptable: PN not acceptable:

VIOLATION TYPE: **59**
CONTAMINANT: **Lead and Copper**
COMPLIANCE PERIOD:
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008