



Environmental Protection Agency

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OH0254712 ST MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

September 28, 2010

RE: Allen County
St Matthews Lutheran Church
Non-Community, Transient
PWS ID: OH0254712

Mr. Paul Logsdon
St Matthews Lutheran Church
5050 St Matthews Drive
Lima, Ohio 45806

**Subject: Violation of Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
During September 2010 (Monthly)**

St Matthews Lutheran Church is in violation of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Total Coliform established by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-14. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful bacteria may be present.

Sample Date	Sample Tap	Total Coliform	E. coli/ Fecal Coliform	Sample Number	Lab Number
09-23-10	None Given	Positive	Positive	18914	833
09-23-10	None Given	Positive	Positive	18915	833
09-23-10	None Given	Positive	Positive	18916	833
09-23-10	None Given	Positive	Positive	18917	833
09-23-10	None Given	Positive	Positive	18918	833

ACTION REQUIRED:

- Investigate and eliminate the cause of bacterial contamination.** Special purpose samples may be collected to investigate the source of contamination or to verify elimination of the problem (these samples cannot be collected to comply with monitoring or MCL requirements; label samples as "special purpose").
- 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.
 - Posting in conspicuous locations, such as bulletin boards, restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas;
 - Mail or other direct delivery to each customer;

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- Send to parents or guardians of children at schools or day care facilities E-mail, newsletters or newspaper;
 - 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.
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). You are required to monitor with five (5) routine samples during the month of October 2010.

If you have any questions, contact this office at 419-373-3042.

Sincerely,



Larry W. Moritz, R.S., M.S.I.S.
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Enclosures: Tier 2 Public Notification (2)
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form

pc: Allen County Health Department
Information Management Section, DDAGW, CO
DDAGW - NWDO (w/enclosures)

Please fax [✓] done
Copy of lti + jks
enclosures to
419-999-5329.

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria were found
in the St. Matthews Lutheran Church's water supply

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING OR USE BOTTLED WATER

Bottled water is available from _____

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for at least one minute, and let it cool before using, **or use bottled water.** Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- 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, diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- 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. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What happened? What is being done?

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

No more than *one sample per month* may show the presence of coliform bacteria. During September 2010, five (5) out of five (5) samples were total coliform positive.

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It also can happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process. We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact _____ at _____
name of contact phone number
or at _____
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. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

PWSID# OH0254712	Date Distributed:
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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"> 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) 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 _____</p> <p>1B. Locations of posting _____ _____</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>

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

St Matthews Lutheran Church
OH0254712
Allen County
September 2010
Total Coliform Monthly MCL (Vio. Type 22)

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