



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

**John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director**

October 24, 2012

RE: Perry County  
PREMIER SILICA LLC  
PWSID#: OH6433312

DOUG SNIDER  
PREMIER SILICA LLC  
2446 GLASS ROCK RD  
GLENFORD, OH 43739-4477

Dear Mr. SNIDER:

The Division of Drinking and Ground Waters recently discovered that TCCI Laboratories, Inc., New Lexington, Ohio (TCCI) performed analyses on some total coliform samples for drinking water compliance during the January 1, 2012 through September 5, 2012 time period using an unapproved method. The laboratory did not obtain certification by Ohio EPA to perform Collilert 18. Since TCCI was not certificated to analyze these samples using that method, these samples are not acceptable for compliance purposes and have been invalidated in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 3745-81-28 and 3745-81-31. Since September 6, 2012, TCCI began analyzing total coliform samples using their approved method. Attached you will find a list of samples associated with your public water system (PWS) that were invalidated.

**What does this mean for your PWS?**

Your system may not have valid compliance samples during the January 1, 2012 through September 5, 2012 period. **Ohio EPA will not issue notices of violation for failing to monitor as a direct result of TCCI's invalid analysis.** However, if a sample wasn't collected and analyzed after September 5, 2012 by TCCI or another certified drinking water laboratory, please collect your sample(s) at the beginning of your next scheduled monitoring period.

**In addition, Ohio EPA is rescinding the violation for exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria, violation ID 9746325, issued on August 23, 2012 for third quarter 2012. The invalidation of the samples made this rescission necessary.**

Ohio EPA is evaluating the consequences that will be imposed on TCCI for this violation of the certification program. The program is in place to give PWSs and Ohio EPA assurance that samples submitted to certified laboratories are analyzed properly and the results are reliable. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your district office inspector or call me at (614) 644-2752.

Respectfully,



Kenneth Baughman  
Enforcement Coordinator  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosures: Listing of PWS's invalidated samples, Lab list

These TCCI samples for total coliform analysis were invalidated for this PWS

<u>PWS Number</u>	<u>PWS Name</u>	<u>Lab Sample #</u>	<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>	<u>Result</u>
OH6433312	PREMIER SILICA LLC	69201	8/9/12	RT	A
OH6433312	PREMIER SILICA LLC	69201	8/9/12	RT	P
OH6433312	PREMIER SILICA LLC	69231	8/14/12	RP	P
OH6433312	PREMIER SILICA LLC	69231	8/14/12	RP	A
OH6433312	PREMIER SILICA LLC	69232	8/14/12	RP	P
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