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OH7803911 WEST FARMINGTON VILLAGE PWS

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July 20, 2011

RE: TRUMBULL COUNTY
VILLAGE OF WEST FARMINGTON
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM
PWS ID: #OH7803911

CERTIFIED MAIL

Attn: Board Members
Village of West Farmington
Board of Public Affairs
P. O. Box 215
West Farmington, OH 44491

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION-INVALID ANALYSIS REPORTING

Dear Board Members:

An on-site survey of the West Farmington WTP Laboratory was conducted by Charles K. Vasulka of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on June 2, 2011. The survey was conducted pursuant to Chapter 3745-89-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) to review the laboratory's capability to perform the following analyses:

Turbidity (SM2130-B), pH (SM 4500-H+), Alkalinity (SM2320-B), Stability (SM 2330), Hardness (SM2340-C), Chlorine (SM 4500 Cl-G)

A letter dated June 15, 2011 by Charles Vasulka to Edward McCormick, Water Plant Operator, outlines deviations in equipment and/or laboratory procedures which were discovered during the survey. This letter indicates that quality control measures for the laboratory have not been performed since January, 2011. A similar failure to maintain laboratory Quality Control (QC) occurred between April, 2008 and March, 2009.

Deviations noted in the survey indicate that between February and May, 2011, QC data was not available for pH, alkalinity, hardness, and stability, and between May 1, 2011 and June 18, 2011, QC data was not available for chlorine and turbidity. The OAC 3745-81-28 requires that analytical results for turbidity, pH, alkalinity, stability, and hardness may be considered only if they have been determined and reported by a laboratory certified or otherwise acceptable to the director. Therefore, data reported on the Monthly Operating Reports (MORs) for these timeperiods is considered invalid resulting in a monitoring/reporting violation.

In accordance with OAC 3745-81-32(D), the owner or operator of a public water system which incurs violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements, shall notify the persons served by the public water system in accordance with (D)(2) and (D)(3) of this rule.

Community public water systems shall provide notice as soon as practical, but no later than one year after the public water system learns of the violation or situation. The following forms of delivery shall be used in order to reach all persons served:

1. Mail or other direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill, and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system; and

2. Any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the system, if they would not normally be reached by the notice. Such persons may include those who do not pay water bills or do not have service connection addresses (e.g., house renters, apartment dwellers, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.). Other methods may include: publication in a local newspaper, delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., apartment building owners or large private employers); posting in public places or on the internet, or delivery to community organizations. If the public notice is posted, the notice shall remain in place for as long as the violation or other situation persists, but in no case, less than seven days (even if the violation or situation is resolved).
3. The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) required under Chapter 3745-96 of the Administrative Code may be used as a vehicle for the initial public notice and all required repeat notices, as long as:
 - A. The CCR is provided to persons served within the timeframes specified in this letter; and
 - B. The notice contained in the CCR follows the content requirements under this letter; and
 - C. The CCR is distributed following the delivery requirements in this letter.

The required public notice is included with this correspondence. Any modifications to the public notice must comply with OAC Rule 3745-81-32 and be approved by the Ohio EPA prior to issuance.

A copy of both the public notice (as issued) and the completed verification form must be returned to the Ohio EPA Northeast District Office at the letterhead address within ten (10) days of issuing the public notice.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by phone at (330) 963-1242 or email at charlotte.hammar@epa.state.oh.us.

Respectfully,


Charlotte E. Hammar
Environmental Specialist
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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enclosures: Public Notice and Verification Form

pc: Trumbull County Health Department
Edward McCormick, Certified Operator, Village of West Farmington

ec: Todd Kelleher, Ohio EPA, DDAGW, CO
Charles Vasulka, Ohio EPA, DDAGW, CO
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