

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

October 24, 2012

RE: Fairfield County
GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE
PWSID#: OH2332212

GEOFFREY BURNS
GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE
1380 BLUE VALLEY RD
LANCASTER, OH 43130-9021

Dear Mr. BURNS:

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 7814317, issued on August 15, 2012 for second 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>
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	67116	3/29/12	RT	A
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	68012	5/29/12	RT	A
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	68012	5/29/12	RT	P
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	68988	8/1/12	RP	P
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	68988	8/1/12	RP	A
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	68989	8/1/12	RP	A
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	68990	8/1/12	RP	A
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	68991	8/1/12	RP	P
OH2332212	GENEVA HILLS RESIDENCE	68991	8/1/12	RP	A