





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

February 20, 2013

Re: **Licking County  
Gratiot Improvement Association  
Community Water System  
PWS ID: OH4566012**

Christopher Cook  
Village of Gratiot  
P.O. Box 362  
Gratiot, OH 43740

**Subject: Notice of Violation of Failure to Issue Lead Public Education Material**

Dear Mr. Cook:

The Gratiot Improvement Association is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-81-85 (B) for failure to distribute lead public education information via pamphlets, brochures, or electronic transmission on lead in drinking water to each person served by the public water system by December 1, 2012. The delivery of public education material is required whenever a public water system exceeds the lead action level. Please refer to our November 14, 2012 letter, enclosed.

Please note that lead public educational material must still be delivered within 30 days of the date of this letter and verification of distribution must be submitted to this office not more than 10 days after distribution.

**Actions required as a result of the above violation**

Step 1	<b>Within 30 days</b> issue the attached public notice of the violation in accordance with rule 3745-81-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code by the following method(s) to reach all persons served by the public water system by mail or hand delivery. The language in italics in the attached public notice is mandatory and must be included as written.
Step 2	<b>Within 30 days</b> Provide Lead Public Education Material as required. (See attached)
Step 3	<b>Within 10 days</b> of completing Step 1 and Step 2, fill out the attached verification forms and send them, along with a copy of the public education material issued to my attention at the address on the letter head.

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If you have any questions, or if you need another copy of the public education brochure, please contact me at carolyn.o'neal@epa.state.gov or at (614) 728-3864.

Sincerely,



Carolyn O'Neal  
Environmental Specialist III  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters  
Central District Office

Enclosure: November 14, 2012 letter, PN, PE, PN & PE verification form

c: Licking County Health Department  
DDAGW, AA

CO/ct PEvisSmComm

**DRINKING WATER NOTICE**  
**Failure to Provide Public Education Materials for Lead Exceedance in Gratiot Improvement Association Public Water System**

We routinely monitor lead and copper levels in our drinking water. The lead 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level of 27.1 ppb exceeded the action level of 15.0 ppb in the June – September, 2012 monitoring period. The Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-81-85 (C)(4) and (C)(5) requires that community water systems shall deliver lead public education materials to consumers within 60 days after a lead action level exceedance. We failed to deliver the proper lead public education materials to all customers by December 1, 2012, as required.

**What is being done?**

We are still required to distribute lead information pamphlets and/or brochures on lead in drinking water to each person served by the water system. A brochure on lead in drinking water is enclosed along with this public notice.

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_ name of contact 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.*

PWS ID# QH4566012 Date distributed:

Tier 2: Unresolved Lead Public Education public noticing requirement

**VERIFICATION THAT THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED**  
**For Public Education - Community**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION MATERIAL ATTACHED WAS  
DISTRIBUTED TO ALL CONSUMERS OF THE DRINKING WATER BY THE METHOD(S)  
INDICATED BELOW AS REQUIRED BY OAC RULE 3745-81-85.**

Required methods of Public Education (Required frequency listed in parenthesis as long as PWS exceeds the action level)	Distribution / Activity Date
Distribute Public Education information on lead in drinking water to all customers. (Required once every twelve months.)	Date of delivery: _____
Provide information on or in water bill.  (Required each billing cycle, but no less often than quarterly.)	Date issued: _____  Billing cycle: _____

**Please attach a copy of your Public Education material**

**I hereby certify that the Public Education material was distributed to all persons  
served by the water system. Distribution was made by the methods indicated  
above in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-85.**

**The attached is representative of what was issued.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Responsible Official**  
**Date**

**Gratiot Improvement Association**  
**NAME OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name and Title of Responsible  
Official**

**PWSID NUMBER: OH4566012**  
**COUNTY NAME: Licking**

**For OEPA use only**  
**Date PN Received: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**PE acceptable:                      PE not**  
**acceptable:**