



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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January 10, 2011

**RE: WAYNE COUNTY
WOOSTER CONG. OF JEHOVAH WITNESSES
TRANSIENT, NON-COMMUNITY WS
PWS ID# OH8555212
STU ID# 8559768**

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Don Hofstetter
Wooster Cong. of Jehovah Witnesses
3233 Akron Road
Wooster, OH 44691

Subject: Notice of Violation for Failure to Respond to a Significant Deficiency

Dear Mr. Hofstetter:

This letter is notification that the Wooster Cong. of Jehovah Witnesses public water system has not complied with requirements issued during this Agency's last survey performed on August 18, 2010, in violation of rule 3745-81-60 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Wooster Cong. of Jehovah Witnesses public water system was notified in correspondence dated August 23, 2010, to respond in writing within 45 days of receipt of your letter, with time frames for the following requirements:

REQUIREMENT(S)

- Well Cap – During the survey, we noted that your well cap is older, and in order to keep contaminants from entering your well, you need to ensure your well is kept in good condition. Once the well cap no longer serves to inhibit contaminants from entering your well, please replace it with a new gasketed and vented water tight cap that meets the specifications set forth in OAC 3745-9-05(P). This regulation states:

“A well shall have a well cap or seal to prevent the entrance of water, dirt, animals, insects, or other foreign matter. The top of the casing at its finished height shall be cut so that the surface will fit flush with the well cap and provide a tight seal. The well cap or seal shall fit securely to the top of the well casing, be secured with screws or other appropriate connections, and vent to the atmosphere.”

- Grading near Well – During the survey, we noted that the well is located in a plastic conduit enclosure, possibly to act further as a barrier against striking the well, since it's located in the parking lot. The conduit around the well can cause surface water to not drain away from the casing.

According to OAC 3745-9-05(O), well casing height above finished grade shall be at least twelve inches, and the finished grade shall be sloped for surface water runoff away from the well.

Please construct your enclosure to comply with the aforementioned rule.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- Raw Water Tap – We recommend that a sample tap be installed upstream of the pressure tank so that a raw water sample representative of the well can be obtained. If a routine sample result should be reported as total coliform positive, and some or all of the required repeat sample results are also positive, this raw water sample will assist in determining if the bacteria is coming from the well. In addition, the new Groundwater Rule, which affects most PWSs and became effective December 1, 2009, will require that when a total coliform positive result is received from the distribution system, a sample must be collected from the well. This sample tap should be located before the pressure tank, at a location that is easily accessible, and where the sample bottle can easily be filled up. The tap should be smooth-nosed (not the type used for a hose) and produce a smooth, pencil-thin flow of reasonable velocity.
- Pressure Tank – In observing the pressure tank, we noticed that the pressure gauge was cracked and there was no air relief valve. We recommend replacing the gauge and adding an air relief valve.
- Operations - During the survey, I noticed a new cartridge filter located downstream of the pressure tank. Please note that filters such as these may harbor bacteria if not properly maintained. Please check the manufacturer's directions for proper maintenance and cleaning procedures.
- SWAP – The 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act require Ohio EPA to conduct source water assessments for all public water systems. The assessment of your water system will assist you in identifying the potential threats to your water supply, and help you develop protective strategies for your water supply. These reports contain checklists of protective strategies for contaminant sources identified within the report. The reports also identify the susceptibility of your sources to contamination. A SWAP report was issued to your PWS on March 28, 2005, and identified the susceptibility of your source to contamination as moderate.

A second copy of this report was requested to be sent to you. Please review your report and complete the checklists of protective strategies. Return the checklist to this office within 45 days of this letter date. Specific questions that you may have about the SWAP report can be answered by contacting Kathie Epp at (330) 963-1200.

The water system must respond in writing within 15 days from the date of this letter with the required information. Failure to comply may result in further enforcement action.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (330) 963-1194.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Madis".

Beth Madis
Environmental Specialist
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Wayne County Health Dept.