



State of Ohio Environment



Northeast District Office

2110 East Aurora Rd.
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

TELE: (330) 963-1200 FAX: (330) 487-0769
www.epa.state.oh.us

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

February 16, 2009

RE: ASHTABULA COUNTY
VILLAGE OF ROCK CREEK
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM
PWS ID # OH0401111

Mayor and Council
Village of Rock Creek
P.O. Box 92
Rock Creek, Ohio 44084

SUBJECT – Failure to Maintain Required Chlorine Residual

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The Village of Rock Creek is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Section 3745-83-01(B)(2) for failing to maintain a minimum 0.2 mg/L free chlorine residual measured at representative points throughout the distribution system.

This violation of the OAC is based upon information submitted by the village as reported on Monthly Operating Report (MOR) #5002 for the months of November and December 2009. During the month of November, results reported on the form indicated ten days where the minimum chlorine residual in the distribution system was less than 0.2 mg/L free chlorine residual. During the month of December, results reported on the form indicated six days where the minimum chlorine residual in the distribution system was less than 0.2 mg/L free chlorine residual.

As a result of this violation, the Village of Rock Creek must:

1. Complete an evaluation/investigation to determine why the low residual occurred and what corrective action is necessary. Please provide your findings to the Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office, within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. Include in your findings a map that identifies the locations of the low residuals.
2. Provide a public notice as soon as practical, but no later than thirty days after the system learns of the violation or situation,
3. Mail, or other direct delivery, a copy of the public notice to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system; and
4. Use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the system, if they would not normally be reached by the notice required. Such persons include those who do not pay water bills or do not have service connection addresses (e.g., house renters, apartment dwellers, nursing home patients, etc.). Other methods 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 served by the system 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 situation persists, but in no case for less than seven days, even if the violation or situation is resolved.

VILLAGE OF ROCK CREEK
FEBRUARY 16, 2010
PAGE 2

The Village of Rock Creek is required by OAC 3745-81-32 to provide for each public notice a clear and readily understandable explanation of the violation, required treatment technique, potential adverse health effects, the population at risk, the steps that the public water system is taking to correct the violation, the necessity of seeking alternate drinking water supplies (if any), and any preventative measures the consumer should take until the violation is corrected. Each notice shall be conspicuous and shall not contain unduly technical language, include the address and telephone number of the owner, operator, or designee of the public water system as a source of additional information concerning the notice. Where appropriate, the notice shall be multi-lingual.

The public water system must send a copy of the actual public notice(s) used and the verification form to this District Office within ten (10) days after it has issued the notice.

If you have questions, please contact the undersigned at (330) 963-1199.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Bopple". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "S".

Stephen Bopple, P.E.
Environmental Engineer
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

SB/ams

Enclosure(s)

cc: Ashtabula County Health Department