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April 2, 2010

RE: GEAUGA COUNTY
RIVER WALK
TRANSIENT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
PWS ID # OH2837312
STU ID # 2854351

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Mr. Matt Coates
River Walk
785 East Spruce Ave.
Ravenna, OH 44266

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

Dear Mr. Coates:

This letter is notification that the River Walk public water system has not complied with all of the requirements issued during this Agency's last sanitary survey performed on June 30 and July 6, 2009, in violation of rule 3745-81-60 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The water system was notified in correspondence dated August 6, 2009 to respond in writing no later than 45 days. A follow-up e-mail was sent on November 20, 2009. Please provide Ohio EPA with timeframes for the following items:

1. **Air Gap Separation.** OAC 3745-95-05(A)(1) requires that an acceptable air gap be provided where a public water system may be contaminated with substances that could cause a severe health hazard. **An acceptable air gap is needed between the water softening backwash line and the floor drain.** A pipe within a pipe does not provide and acceptable air gap. This air gap is required to prevent any possible wastewater contamination from entering the drinking water supply via backflow. This air gap must be at least twice the diameter of the backwash line or one inch, whichever is greater.
2. **Public Notices for Prior Violations.** Records from our office indicate that since 2008, when River Walk re-opened, the following violations were issued:

<i>Description</i>	<i>OAC Rule</i>	<i>Type of Violation</i>	<i>Violation Period</i>	<i>Public Notice Returned</i>
Total Coliform (TC) Bacteria Monitoring – Monitoring and Reporting (M/R). (23)	3745-81-21 (A)	Failed to collect the minimum number of TC bacteria samples per quarter	April - June 2009	No
Nitrate Monitoring – Monitoring and Reporting (03)	3745-81-23 (B)(1)	Failed to collection the minimum number of nitrate samples per year	Jan. – Dec. 2008	Yes*

When violations are issued, the PWS is required to post a copy of a public notice in accordance with OAC section 3745-81-32. A copy of the public notice and the verification form are to be returned to this office. Our records indicate that public notices have not been returned for the above referenced violations. For your convenience, I have enclosed the required public notices. In order to correct these deficiencies, **post the public notices as specified (if you not already done so), and return a copy of the public notices and the verification forms to this office.**

3. **Request for Equipment Information and Detail Plan Approval.** During the site visit, it was discovered that the softener had been removed, but had not yet been replaced. It is Ohio EPA's understanding from the July 28, 2009 phone conversation that similar capacity equipment was installed the last week in July. **Please send the equipment information for any new equipment (make, model, capacity, backwash frequency, etc.) to this office.**

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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 330-963-1149.

Sincerely,


 Kathy Metropulos
 Environmental Specialist
 Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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cc: Geauga County Health Dept.
 Central Office, DDAGW
 Chris Kanieski (River Walk, 13468 Main Market Rd, Burton, OH 44021) (With Enclosures)