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June 12, 2009

RE: WAYNE COUNTY
FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MILL AT MIDDLE ST., BURBANK
TRANSIENT, NON-COMMUNITY
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM
PWS ID # OH8537012
STU ID # 8559676

Rev. Jack Gessic
Faith United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 127
Burbank, OH 44214

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

Dear Rev. Gessic:

This letter is notification that the Faith United Methodist Church public water system has not complied with requirements issued during this Agency's last survey performed on March 4, 2009, in violation of rule 3745-81-60 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Faith United Methodist Church public water system was notified in correspondence dated April 2, 2009, to respond in writing within 45 days of receipt of your letter, with time frames for the following requirements:

REQUIREMENT(S)

- Sample Siting Plan - OAC Chapter 3745-81-21(A) requires public water systems to prepare a written coliform bacteria sample siting plan. During the previous survey, we told you that we do not have a sample siting plan on file for the Church.

A sample siting plan is especially useful when the person who normally samples is unavailable. It includes information on where to collect the samples, how many to collect, and what laboratory is utilized for analysis. It includes an appendix with information on proper sampling techniques and also discusses what actions are required if a sample is found to be total coliform positive.

We still do not have a sample siting plan for the Church, in violation of this rule. Please complete the enclosed sample siting plan and return it to this office. Please maintain a copy on site for subsequent inspections.

- Well Cap – During the previous survey, we noted that your well cap was loose and asked that it be tightened.

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. During this survey as well,

your well cap did not appear to be securely fastened or able to be fastened in a manner to inhibit contaminants from entering your well. You will need to 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.”

- Public Notification - Our records indicate that the Church failed to post a public notice for the aforementioned violation. Failing to post a notice is a violation of OAC 3745-81-32, which states “the owner or operator of a public water system which fails to perform the monitoring established by this chapter, or fails to comply with a testing procedure required by this chapter, or is granted a variance or exemption pursuant to this chapter, shall notify persons served by the public water.”

In order to correct the violation, you must post a public notice (enclosed) for the violation. The notice must be posted for a minimum of ten days. Within 45 days, please send a copy of the notices that you posted, along with the completed verification form (back side of the public notice), to this office.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 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 3, 2005, and identified the susceptibility of your source to contamination as **high**.

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 Conni McCambridge at (330) 963-1200.

- 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

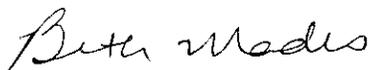
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obtained. If a routine sample result should be reported as total coliform positive, and some or all of the required repeat sample results are also positive, this raw water sample will assist in determining if the bacteria is coming from the well. In addition, the new Groundwater Rule, which will affect most PWSs and will become 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.

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) 963-1194.

Sincerely,



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Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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cc: Ohio EPA, Central Office, DDAGW / OFAS
Wayne County Health Department