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April 15, 2009

RE: WAYNE COUNTY
NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
TRANSIENT, NON-COMMUNITY W.S.
PWS ID# OH8550712
STU ID# 8559745

CERTIFIED MAIL

Reverend Matt Phillips
New Hope Community Church
969 Blachleyville Road
Wooster, OH 44691

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

Dear Reverend Phillips:

This letter is notification that the New Hope Community Church public water system has not complied with requirements issued during this Agency's last survey performed on December 2, 2008, in violation of rule 3745-81-60 of the Ohio Administrative Code. New Hope Community Church public water system was notified in correspondence dated December 24, 2008, to respond in writing within 45 days of receipt of your letter, with time frames for the following requirements:

REQUIREMENT(S)

- Well Head – During the survey, we noted that your well casing appears to terminate about seven inches above grade. 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 take appropriate action to correct this well height deficiency.

We also saw 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. 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.

- Sample Siting Plan - OAC Chapter 3745-81-21(A) requires public water systems to prepare a written coliform bacteria sample siting plan. 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.

During the survey, I provided Ms. Hill with a template to create a plan. Please complete the plan and return a copy of it to this office. Please maintain a copy on site for subsequent inspections.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The following deficiencies are not regulatory violations, but are actions that are recommended by this Agency for optimum operation and to reduce the potential for future violations or contamination:

- 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, 2003, and identified the susceptibility of your source to contamination as **high**.

A copy of this report was given to Ms. Hill during the survey. 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.

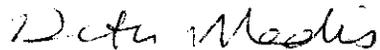
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- Raw Water Tap – We recommend that a sample tap be installed upstream of the pressure tank so that a raw water sample representative of the well can be obtained. If a routine sample result should be reported as total coliform positive, and some or 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 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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