



John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

March 25, 2013

RE: MAHONING COUNTY  
VFW POST 7600  
TNC PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM  
PWD ID #OH5044112  
**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Mr. Mike Graban  
VFW Post 7600  
5664 McCartney Road  
Lowellville, OH 44436

**SUBJECT: FAILURE TO COMPLETE GROUND WATER RULE CORRECTIVE ACTION IN 120 DAYS – NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Graban:

The VFW Post 7600 is in violation of treatment technique requirements for the Ground Water Rule (GWR) established by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-81-44 for failing to complete corrective action measures outlined in a letter dated October 22, 2012.

Ohio EPA records confirmed that E. coli-positive samples were collected from this water system on September 18, 2012, and October 15, 2012. On October 22, 2012, our office issued you a GWR Corrective Action Requirements letter requiring you to complete corrective actions or be in compliance with an Ohio EPA approved schedule within 120 days. Our records indicate that you have not met this requirement.

**To ensure the safety of the consumer your system must continue to boil your water and notify your customers that E. coli has been detected in your source and you have failed to complete corrective actions. This public notification along with the public notice to boil your water must remain posted until the Ohio EPA is satisfied that the corrective actions have been completed.**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

1. **Consult with Ohio EPA within 24 hours regarding public notice requirements.** If you have not already received direction regarding this violation, contact the Northeast District Office, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Public Drinking Water Section at 330-963-1164.
2. **Issue the enclosed public notice within 30 days** in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-32 using one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served.
  - Hand delivery to persons served by the water system;
  - Posting in conspicuous locations, such as bulletin boards, restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas;
  - Another delivery method approved in writing by the Director;

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- **Posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation exists**, but in no case for less than seven (7) days (even if the violation is resolved). The language in italics on the enclosed public notice is mandatory and must be included, as written. Do not make changes to the public notice without consulting with Ohio EPA beforehand.

**NOTE: Issuance of a Public Notice must be repeated every three months for as long as the violation exists, unless directed otherwise by the District Office.** A verification form and a copy of the public notice, stating the corrective measures completed to date, must be submitted to the Ohio EPA.

3. **Complete the enclosed verification form within 10 days of issuing the Public Notice** and mail it to Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published or posted.
4. **Contact the Ohio EPA – Northeast District Office as soon as possible to discuss your corrective action plan. Failure to complete corrective action may result in enforcement action that can result in fines up to \$25,000 dollars per day.**

If you have any questions regarding this letter, or any other matter involving your water system, please feel free to contact me at this office 330-963-1164.

Sincerely,



Chris Maslo  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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enclosures: Public Notification  
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form

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