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Ted Strickland, Governor
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CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM
PWS ID# 7300111**Honorable Jane Murray
Mayor, City of Portsmouth
728 2nd Street
Portsmouth, OH 45662

Dear Mayor Murray:

It has come to the attention of this office that the City of Portsmouth is not providing the state required minimum pressure to some of their customers on Pleasant Avenue north of the Village of New Boston. Specifically, per Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-83-01:

"Minimum pressure. Community water systems shall maintain a minimum pressure of twenty pounds per square inch gauge at ground level at all points in the distribution system under all conditions of flow other than conditions caused by line breaks, extreme fire flows, or other extraordinary circumstances."

A site visit on June 22, 2010, verified that at least one resident in this area had less than 10 psi at their ground level tap. Further discussions with the water department verified that there were no extreme conditions occurring during this period which would affect this reading.

You are in violation of OAC Rule 3745-83-01 and must begin modifications to your water system to provide adequate water pressure to all customers. Specifically, **the City of Portsmouth is hereby required to complete any upgrades necessary to ensure adequate pressure to the customers on Pleasant Avenue no later than 6 months from the date of this letter.**

Failure to comply with this requirement will constitute a Violation of the State's safe drinking water laws and could result in litigation and imposition of civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day.

Please feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5207 with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wallace
Environmental Engineer
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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cc: OEPA-DDAGW, CO
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