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February 7, 2008

Re: **GUERNSEY COUNTY**  
**SUGARSHACK**  
**TRANSIENT**  
**OH3033912**

SUGARSHACK  
19510 LEATHERWOOD RD  
SALESVILLE, OH 43778

**Subject: Notice of Violation of Maximum Contaminant Level for Total Coliform Bacteria (ACUTE & Failure to Monitor with four repeat samples)**

During December 2007, your public water system incurred a **monitoring** violation of rule 3745-81-21 (B)(1) of the OAC for failure to collect four (4) repeat samples within the required time period.

Actions required as a result of the above violation	
Step 1	<p><b>Within 24 hours</b>, consult with Ohio EPA and issue the attached public notice in accordance with rule 3745-81-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code using the following methods to reach all persons served by the public water system:</p> <p>1. posting in conspicuous locations (restrooms, drinking fountains, vending areas, restaurants, bulletin boards, etc.)</p> <p>The language in italics on the attached public notice is mandatory and must be included as written.</p>
Step 2	If not already done, Immediately initiate an investigation to determine and eliminate the cause and extent of bacterial contamination.
Step 3	Fill out the attached verification form and send along with a copy of the public notification issued, to the Southeast District Office of the Ohio EPA.
Step 4	Lifting the Advisory - The public notice water use advisory shall remain in effect until you obtain one complete set of four (4) total coliform-negative (contain no coliforms) repeat samples. Clearly mark each repeat sample slip as "repeat sample". It is advisable to notify your customers when the problem is corrected.
Step 5	Because you are required to monitor with at least five (5) samples in the next month following any total coliform-positive result you must take at least five (5) total coliform samples in January. You will need to immediately take four repeat samples and have them return as negative to lift the boil advisory.

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If additional repeat samples were taken, we have not received the results. Please forward a copy of the results to my office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5201.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Moschell  
Inspector  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

MM/cb

Enclosures

cc: Toni Buchanan, DDAGW, CO  
cc: Guernsey County Health Department  
cc: ~~Jamie Wilkins, SEDO~~

# DRINKING WATER WARNING

Tests show coliform bacteria in SUGARSHACK water

## BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING OR USE BOTTLED WATER

Sampling conducted for our water system showed total coliform bacteria were found in a sample collected in **December 2007**. We were required to collect four repeat samples within 24 hours of notification of any total coliform positive result to determine if *E. coli* or fecal coliform bacteria were present. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. We did not collect all of the required repeat samples within the time period specified, and therefore cannot be sure that the drinking water does not pose an acute risk to human health.

### What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for at least one minute, and let it cool before using, **or use bottled water**. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

### What is being done?

Upon being notified of this violation, the water supply was required to have the drinking water analyzed for the above mentioned parameters. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

### What happened? What is being done?

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It also can happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
name of contact phone number mailing address

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

PWSID# OH3033912

Date Distributed: \_\_\_\_\_

## PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR TIER 1 VIOLATIONS

The owner or operator of a public water system with a Tier 1 violation or situation that may pose an acute risk to human health is required to notify the persons served by the public water system. Notice shall be issued as soon as practical but **no later than 24 hours** after the system learns of the violation. Public notice shall be repeated as established during consultation with Ohio EPA.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD(S) INDICATED BELOW, AS DESCRIBED IN THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 3745-81-32:

Required Method of Public Notification	Actual Method of Public Notification
<p><b>Use one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served by the public water system:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public notice issued by appropriate broadcast media (such as radio and television)</li> <li>2. Public notice issued by continuous posting in conspicuous places throughout the area served by the water system (required to remain posted for as long as the violation exists)</li> <li>3. Public notice issued by hand delivery to persons served by the water system</li> <li>4. Public notice issued by another delivery method approved in writing</li> </ol>	<p><b>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</b></p> <p>1A. Name of station(s) _____                      1B. Date provided to station(s) _____</p> <p>2A. Dates of posting _____                      2B. Locations of posting _____                      _____</p> <p>3A. Date of delivery _____</p> <p>4A. Method _____                      4B. Date _____</p>
<p><b>Additional methods established in consultation with Ohio EPA</b></p>	<p>A. Method(s) _____                      B. Date(s) _____</p>

**Please check if the public notice used was provided by Ohio EPA (other side of this form) or another acceptable notice was used:**

\_\_\_\_\_ A public notice as shown on the other side of this sheet was issued without changes.

\_\_\_\_\_ A different public notice was issued. **INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Responsible Official      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name and Title of Responsible Official

**SUGARSHACK**  
 NAME OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

PWSID NUMBER: OH3033912

COUNTY NAME: GUERNSEY

**For OEPA use only**

Date PN Received: \_\_\_\_\_

PN acceptable: \_\_\_\_\_      PN not acceptable: \_\_\_\_\_

VIOLATION TYPE: 25

MONITORING PERIOD December 2007