Ohio EPA
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John R. Kasich, Governor
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May 13, 2013

Re: Lucas County
Whispering Winds Mobile Home Community
Community Public Water System
PWSID: OH4801012
STU: 4855845

Whispering Winds Mobile Home Community
142 E Main Street
Leipsic, Ohio 45856-1404

Dear Public System Owner:

Ohio EPA records indicate that the Whispering Winds Mobile Home Community exceeded the secondary maximum contaminant level (SMCL) for fluoride when a sample collected on 6/19/2012 detected fluoride at 2.61 mg/L. The SMCL for fluoride, per Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-82-02, is 2.0 mg/L.

To address the SMCL violation, the Whispering Winds Mobile Home Community is required to take the following actions:

1. ISSUE PUBLIC NOTICE

Within thirty days, issue public notice according to the enclosed instructions. The completed verification form and a copy of the public notice should be sent to my attention at the mailing address listed below within ten days after it is issued. If you wish to issue the notice with your consumer confidence report (CCR), please attach a copy of your CCR to the verification form. The enclosed draft public notice contains mandatory language and may be used verbatim. If you wish to make any additions to this draft, telephone this office for verbal authorization before the public notice is issued.

Annual notification is required as outlined above as long as your public water system exceeds the SMCL for fluoride. If you have already issued an annual notice for the calendar year 2012, please complete and send the verification form along with a copy of the public notice to my attention at the Ohio EPA DDAGW, 50 West Town St, Suite 700, PO Box 1049, Columbus, OH, 43216-1049.

You are also required to send a copy of the public notification to the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services, 246 North High Street - 5th Floor, P.O. Box 118, Columbus, Ohio 43216-0118 **and** to the Lucas County Health Department .

2. FLUORIDE SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

You are not required to increase your fluoride sampling frequency. Your monitoring frequency remains once every 3 years. Your next fluoride sample needs to be collected between June1 and October 31, 2015.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Pinto

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Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosure: Public Notice, Verification Form

cc: Lucas County Health Department
Ohio Department of Health

DRINKING WATER NOTICE
Elevated Fluoride Levels Detected

This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age. At low levels, fluoride can help prevent cavities, but children drinking water containing more than 2 milligrams per liter (mg/L) of fluoride may develop cosmetic discoloration of their permanent teeth (dental fluorosis). The drinking water provided by the Whispering Winds Mobile Home Community has a fluoride concentration of 2.61 mg/L as measured on 6/19/2012.

Dental fluorosis in its moderate or severe forms, may result in a brown staining and or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should be provided with alternative sources of drinking water or water that has been treated to remove the fluoride to avoid the possibility of staining and pitting of their permanent teeth. You also may want to contact your dentist about proper use by young children of fluoride-containing products. Older children and adults may safely drink the water.

Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4 mg/L of fluoride, but we're required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2 mg/L because of this cosmetic dental problem.

For more information, please contact:

_____ at _____ or _____.
name of contact | phone number | mailing address

Some home water treatment units are also available to remove fluoride from drinking water. To learn more about available home water treatment units, you may call NSF International at 1-877-8-NSF-HELP.

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH A FLUORIDE SMCL VIOLATION

The owner or operator of a community public water system with a Tier 3 violation or situation shall notify the persons served by the public water system as soon as practical but **no later than one year** after the system learns of the violation. At a minimum, community public water systems must issue the notice by **mail or other direct delivery**. Public notice issued by methods other than posting shall be repeated annually as long as the violation or situation persists. Also, send a copy of the public notice to your local health department and the Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Oral Health Services.

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
Use the following method to reach all persons served by the public water system: Public notice issued by mail or other direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system. The consumer confidence report delivered to customers by July 1 of each year may be used as long as the public notice includes all the required content and is delivered within the required timeframe.	**Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:** A. Date of mailing/delivery _____
If the above method does not reach all persons served, also use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the public water system (e.g. publication in a local newspaper, delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others, posting in public places served by the system or on the Internet, or delivery to community organizations). If the notice is posted, it shall remain in place as long as the violation exists, but in no case less than 7 days.	A. Method(s) _____ _____ _____ B. Date(s) _____ _____

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 Person Date

_____
Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

NAME: Whispering Winds Mobile Home Community
PWSID: OH4801012
STUID: 4855845
CONTAMINANT/VIOLATION TYPE: F SMCL MONITORING
PERIOD: January 1 to December 31, 2012

For Ohio EPA use only:
Date PN received: _____
PN acceptable: _____ PN not acceptable: _____