



**Environmental
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May 22, 2013

NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

CERTIFIED MAIL

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Licking County
Gratiot Improvement Association
Community PWS
PWS ID: OH4566012
Facility ID: 4562219

Subject: Violation of Maximum Contaminant Level for ARSENIC

Gratiot Improvement Association is in violation for exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) standard of 0.010 MG/L as established in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) section 3745-81-11 for ARSENIC. Compliance with the MCL is based on a running annual average. The annual average for ARSENIC during the First Quarter of 2013 time period is 0.015 MG/L.

To address the MCL violation, Gratiot Improvement Association is required to take the following actions:

1. Notify your customers within 30 days using the enclosed instructions and public notice.
2. Complete and send a verification form with a copy of the public notice to the mailing address below within ten days after issuance.
3. Perform quarterly monitoring for ARSENIC according to your most recent monitoring schedule.
4. Consult with your Ohio EPA district representative to discuss your options for coming into compliance and establishing a compliance schedule or comply with any previously issued enforcement action.
5. For a community water system, include in the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) a clear explanation of the violation including the length of the violation, the potential adverse health effects, and actions taken by the system to address the violation. The mandatory health effects language for the particular contaminant is specified in the appendix to OAC section 3745-96-02.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Continued noncompliance may lead to additional enforcement actions. If you have any questions or wish to change the public notice, please call me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Pinto
Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosure: Public Notice; Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form
cc: Licking County Health Department

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DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Gratiot Improvement Association Has Levels of ARSENIC above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The average level of ARSENIC over the last four quarters was 0.015 MG/L. The standard for ARSENIC is 0.010 MG/L.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

The levels detected do not pose an immediate risk to your health. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What is being done?

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

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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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