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May 21, 2013

NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

James R Mehaffie
Bluffton Village Water
154 N. Main St, Po Box 63
Bluffton, OH 45817

Allen County
Bluffton Village Water
COMMUNITY PWS
PWS ID: OH0200112

Subject: Failure to Monitor Drinking Water

Bluffton Village Water is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Rule (OAC) 3745-81-24 for failing to monitor your drinking water during the First Quarter of 2013 monitoring period and/or report results for the following contaminants: TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM), HALOACETIC ACIDS, FIVE (HAA5).

In order to return to compliance, Bluffton Village Water must take the following actions:

1. Notify your customers 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.
3. Promptly collect your next sample according to your most recent monitoring schedule.
4. Submit the sample for analysis to a certified laboratory on the enclosed list.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Continued noncompliance may lead to enforcement actions. If you have any questions, or if the required sample analysis was performed, please call me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Deal

Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosure: Laboratory List, Public Notice, Verification Form

ec: DDAGW CO file

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DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Monitoring requirements not met for Bluffton Village Water

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the First Quarter of 2013 time period we did not monitor for the following contaminants and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time: TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM), HALOACETIC ACIDS, FIVE (HAA5).

What Should I Do?

This notice is to inform you that Bluffton Village Water did not monitor and report results for the presence of the contaminants listed above in the public drinking water system during the First Quarter of 2013 time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. You do not need to take any actions in response to this notice.

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.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Bluffton Village Water at:

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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Date Distributed: _____

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PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR
COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH TIER 3 VIOLATIONS

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 other methods shall be repeated annually as long as the violation or situation persists.

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 one or more of the following methods 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 (CCR) 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:** Date of mailing/delivery _____ *Please check if public notice was included in the yearly CCR* _____
If the above methods do 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 or newsletter, delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others, posting in public places served by the system, use of e-mail or the Internet to notify employees or students, or delivery 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 indicate below what public notice was used. **INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.**
___ A public notice as provided was issued without changes.
___ A different public notice was issued **after consulting with Ohio EPA on _____.**

_____
Signature of Responsible Person Date

_____
Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

PWS NAME: Bluffton Village Water
PWSID: OH0200112
Facility ID: DS1
COUNTY: Allen
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR
First Quarter of 2013; Vio Id 7212

For Ohio EPA Use Only:
Date PN received: _____
PN acceptable: _____ PN not acceptable: _____.