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NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

Ms. Dianna Ruffing
Ruffing Family Care Center
2320 West County Road 6
Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Seneca County
Ruffing Family Care Center
Community PWS
PWS ID: OH7400912

Subject: Failure to Sample Drinking Water for Total Coliforms as Required

Ruffing Family Care Center is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), Rule 3745-81-21 for failure to comply with the total coliform monitoring.

Monitoring Period:	June 2013
Required Coliform Monitoring:	One (1) routine sample per month
Sample Results Submitted:	None

To ensure the safety of drinking water provided by your system monitoring for total coliforms is essential.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. **Notify the people served by this water system** using one or more of the methods and the timing as required by OAC, Rule 3745-81-32 to reach all persons served.

   Timing: As soon as practical, but no later than one year after learning of the violation:

   - Mail or other direct delivery to each customer; OR
   - Annual Consumer Confidence Report provided it's distributed within one year after learning of the violation; and
   - If necessary to reach all persons regularly served, use other notification methods such as newspaper publication, public posting or Internet posting;
   - Posted notices must remain in place as long as the violation or situation exists, but in no case less than seven days (even if the violation is resolved). The language in italics on the enclosed public notice is mandatory and must be included, as written. Do not make changes to the public notice without consulting with the Ohio EPA beforehand.

2. **Complete the enclosed Verification Form within 10 days of issuing the Public Notice** and mail it to Ohio EPA - NWDO. Include a copy of each notice distributed, published or posted.

If total coliform samples were collected as required, submit the results as soon as possible. The monitoring violation would be rescinded and a reporting violation given for late submittal of the results. To ensure the monitoring violation is rescinded, please contact this office and provide the date the data was submitted by the laboratory.

If you have any questions, contact this office at 419-373-3107.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ames
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Enclosures: Tier 3 Public Notification
Public Notice Instructions & Verification Form

pc: Seneca County Health Department
DDAGW – NWDO (w/enclosures)

PUBLIC NOTICE - DRINKING WATER WARNING

Monitoring requirements were not met for Ruffing Family Care Center

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 your drinking water meets health standards. During June 2013, we "did not monitor or test" or "did not complete all monitoring or testing" for total coliform bacteria, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What Should I Do?

- *There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective action.*
- *This notice is to inform you that Ruffing Family Care Center did not monitor and report results for the presence of total coliform bacteria in the public drinking water system during the June 2013 time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.*

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.

For more information, please contact _____ at _____
name of contact phone number

or at _____.
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.

PWS ID: OH7400912	Date this public notice was distributed:

Tier 3: Monitoring Violation Notice

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 methods other than posting 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 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) _____

Complete the enclosed Verification Form and mail it to Ohio EPA – NWDO. **INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.**

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Signature of Responsible Person Date

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Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

Ruffing Family Care Center
OH7400912
Seneca County
June 2013
Total Coliform Monitoring (Vio. Type 23)
Vio Id: 8590217

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