





John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
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**OPERATIONAL EVALUATION LEVEL
EXCEEDANCE – ACTION REQUIRED**

RE: Allen County
Bluffton Village Water
Community Public Water System
PWS ID # OH0200112

August 7, 2013

Mr. James R. Mehaffie, Village Administrator
154 North Main Street
P.O. Box 63
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Subject: Stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproduct Rule Exceedance

Dear Mr. Mehaffie:

The Village of Bluffton has exceeded the Operational Evaluation Level (OEL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and/or Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) for the third quarterly monitoring period. The OEL is calculated at each standard monitoring location using the three most recent quarters of monitoring data in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-81-24 (D)(21). As a result of exceeding the OEL, an OEL Report must be prepared and submitted to this office for acceptance, per the aforementioned rule.

Per my email on this date, you will be required to prepare a full OEL Report evaluating the system treatment and distribution operational practices, including storage tank operations, excess storage capacity, distribution system flushing, changes in sources or source water quality, and treatment changes or problems that may contribute to TTHM and HAA5 formation and what steps could be considered to minimize future exceedences. The attached Ohio EPA Form 5031 should be used to report your evaluation. An electronic copy of this form is also available for your use on our website at

http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/28/documents/pws/OELReportFinalVersion_August2012.doc

The OEL Report must be completed and submitted to this office within 90 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this deadline is a Monitoring and Reporting violation subject to Tier 3 public notification requirements.

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You may wish to consult the US EPA Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule Operational Evaluation Guidance Manual for assistance. It is available electronically at US EPA's website at http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/disinfection/stage2/pdfs/draft_guide_stage2_operationalevaluation.pdf . The document reference is EPA 815-R-08-018.

If you have any questions about the OEL Report, please contact me at 419-373-4117 or by email at linda.benham@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



Linda Benham
Environmental Supervisor
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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Enclosure: Ohio EPA Form 5031 (Operational Evaluation Limit Report)

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