



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

RE: Putnam County
Ottawa Village
Community Public Water System
PWS ID # OH6900711

September 6, 2013

Mr. Jason Phillips
Village of Ottawa
136 North Oak Street
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Subject: Stage 2 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproduct Rule Exceedance

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The Village of Ottawa 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 September 4, 2013, 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 exceedances. 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.

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.

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Since I will be reviewing the OEL Report, please contact me at 419-373-4117 or by email at linda.benham@epa.ohio.gov if you have any questions.

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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