



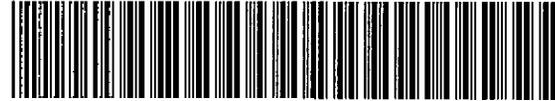
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May 23, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL

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NORTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY, JR HIGH SCHOOL
5610 TROY ROAD
SPRINGFIELD, OH 45502

Re: CLARK COUNTY
NORTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR
Nontransient Noncommunity Water System
PWS ID: OH1233312
STU ID: 1253270
SMPID: EP001

Arsenic Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Exceedance

Dear Public Water System Owner:

This letter is notification that NORTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH SCH is in violation for exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) standard for arsenic of .010 mg/L as established in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) section 3745-81-11. Compliance with the arsenic MCL is based on a running annual average. The annual average for arsenic for the Jan 1 to Mar 31, 2007 time period is 0.013 mg/L.

To address the MCL violation the NORTHWESTERN ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH SCH is required to take the following actions:

1) ISSUE PUBLIC NOTICE:

Within thirty days, issue public notice according to the enclosed instructions. Complete and return the verification form along with a copy of the public notice to my attention at the letterhead address within ten days after it is issued. If arsenic levels continue to exceed the MCL, the public notification must be updated and repeated for each period that the arsenic MCL is exceeded. A verification form and copy of the public notice must be sent to Ohio EPA each time the notice is repeated. The enclosed draft public notice may be used verbatim. The mandatory health language for arsenic must appear in the public notice. If you wish to make any changes to this draft, telephone this office for verbal authorization prior to issuing the public notice.

2) CONTINUE TO SAMPLE FOR ARSENIC:

Continue collecting one sample for arsenic analysis on a quarterly basis. Your next sample should be collected between April 1 and June 30, 2007.

3) WORK TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM:

Consult with your Ohio EPA district representative to discuss your options for coming into compliance and to establish a compliance schedule.

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If you have questions regarding this correspondence, compliance with the arsenic standard, or questions regarding the public notice requirement, please contact me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,



Emily Cushman
Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosure: Public Notice and Instructions, Verification Form

cc: Superintendent/Manager; SWDO; DDAGW; Todd Kelleher, Supervisor, CU;
CLARK County Health Dept.

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Northwestern Elementary/Middle School Has Levels of Arsenic Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Arsenic for the January 1 through March 31, 2007 monitoring period. The average level of arsenic over the last four quarters was 13 ug/L. The standard for arsenic is 10 µg/L.

What should I do?

- **Although alternative (e.g. bottled water) water is not required, in accordance with our agreement with the Ohio EPA, the school district is supplying alternative water for human consumption until the permanent connection with North Hampton is complete.**
- If you have specific health concerns, please 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?

The school district has been working on plans to address this issue for several years and is currently in the process of connection to the North Hampton Water system. This connection will be completed in time for the 2007-2008 school year. The water supplied by North Hampton will meet the new MCL standard for arsenic.

For more information, please contact:

Kevin Lacey at 964-1318 or 5610 Troy Road Springfield, Ohio 45502
name of contact phone number mailing address

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, at the elementary or middle school, especially those who may not receive this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. We will post this notice at each of our drinking fountains at the elementary and middle school.

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