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NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED

August 14, 2009

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Darke County
North Star Elementary School
Non-Transient Non-Community PWS
PWS ID: OH1936012
Facility ID: 1953775

Subject: Violation of Maximum Contaminant Level for ARSENIC

North Star Elementary School is in violation for exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) standard of 0.010 MG/L as established in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) section 3745-81-11 for ARSENIC. Compliance with the MCL is based on a running annual average. The annual average for ARSENIC during the Second Quarter of 2009 time period is 0.012 MG/L.

To address the MCL violation, North Star Elementary School is required to take the following actions:

1. Notify your customers within 30 days using the enclosed instructions and public notice.
2. Complete and send a verification form with a copy of the public notice to the above mailing address within ten days after issuance.
3. Perform quarterly monitoring for ARSENIC during each calendar quarter (January 1 – March 31; April 1 – June 30; July 1 – September 30; October 1 to December 31).
4. Consult with your Ohio EPA district representative to discuss your options for coming into compliance and establishing a compliance schedule or comply with any existing enforcement action that has been issued to you.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Continued noncompliance may lead to enforcement actions. If you have any questions or wish to change the public notice, please call me at (614) 644-2752.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Pinto,
Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

Enclosure: Public Notice; Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form
cc: Manager; DDAGW file; SWDO file; Darke County Health Department

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

North Star Elementary School Has Levels of ARSENIC Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The average level of ARSENIC over the last four quarters was 0.012 MG/L. The standard for ARSENIC is 0.010 MG/L.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, 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?

We are investigating and taking the necessary steps to correct the problem as soon as possible.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

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.

Date Distributed: _____

PWSID: OH1936012 Facility ID: 1953775

Monitoring Period: Second Quarter of 2009