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May 3, 2007

RE: Fulton County  
Village of Lyons  
Community Water System  
PWSID#: 2600603

Vicki Smith, Village Administrator  
Village of Lyons  
126 West Morenci Street  
Lyons, OH 43533

Dear Ms. Smith:

**Hand Delivery**

The Village of Lyons (Lyons) public water system has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, Lyons has exceeded the total trihalomethanes (TTHM) maximum contaminant level (MCL), failed to adopt an effective backflow prevention/cross-connection program, failed to conduct periodic surveys of water use practices to determine whether cross-connections could occur, failed to see that installed backflow prevention devices are tested and inspected at the required intervals, and failed to keep records of tests and inspections on backflow prevention devices on the system. In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-12(B) the MCL for TTHM is 0.080 milligram per liter (mg/L). Currently, the running annual average for Lyons' public water system, calculated in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-24(C)(14), is 0.119 mg/L.

**Owners or operators of public water systems that fail to comply with Ohio's safe drinking water laws and regulations are subject to civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day per violation under Ohio Revised Code Section 6109.33.**

To resolve your drinking water violations and avoid possible legal action and civil penalties:

1. Continue to monitor for TTHM with one sample per calendar quarter from the distribution system at a location representing the maximum residence time, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-24(C).
2. By July 31, 2007, prepare and submit a Distribution System Optimization Plan (DSOP), in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-78(G)(2) to: Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Attn: JoAnn Sabo, DOCC, Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office, 347 North Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

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3. Within thirty (30) days of notification, address any comments or deficiencies noted by Ohio EPA on the DSOP submitted by Lyons.
4. Within thirty (30) days of approval, begin implementing the approved DSOP.
5. Within twelve (12) months from the date of implementation of the DSOP, Lyons will obtain compliance with the running annual average MCL for TTHM in accordance with OAC Rules 3745-81-12 and 3745-81-24(C)(14).
6. Within six (6) months, have an acceptable backflow prevention and cross-connection control program, in compliance with OAC Chapter 3745-95.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Baker, Chief  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

If it is your intent to comply with the safe drinking water laws and regulations in the manner specified, please sign this document and return it to the attention of Marco Deshaies at Ohio EPA, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, within fourteen (14) days. Your signature is not considered an admission of guilt, only an indication of your intention to address the violations noted. Ohio EPA reserves its right to seek civil penalties pursuant to Revised Code 6109.33 for the violations described in this letter. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call Marco Deshaies at (614) 644-2761.

  
Vicki Smith, Village Administrator  
Village of Lyons

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Date