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September 20, 2007

Robert Riepenhoff
Chairman Putnam County Commissioners
Putnam County-North Ottawa
245 East Main Street, Suite 101
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

RE: Putnam County
Putnam County-North Ottawa
Purchased Surface Water System
PWSID#: 6901603

Certified Mail

Dear Mr. Riepenhoff:

Putnam County North-Ottawa public water system (PWS) has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, Putnam County-North Ottawa PWS exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) during the April through June 2007, October through December 2006, July through September 2006, and April through June 2005 monitoring periods; untimely submitted the 2004 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which was missing the range of values for TTHM and HAA5 in the Table of Detected Contaminants; and failed to monitor for Haloacetic Acid, Five (HAA5) during the October through December 2004 monitoring period.

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.

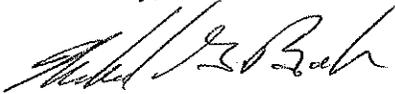
To resolve your drinking water violations and avoid possible legal action and civil penalties, it is agreed that Putnam County-North Ottawa will:

1. Continue to monitor for TTHM and HAA5 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. Continue to deliver a CCR to its customers and meet the requirements of OAC Chapter 3745-96.
3. Within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter, Putnam County-North Ottawa will submit a Distribution System Optimization Plan (DSOP) to Ohio EPA, NWDO, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Attn: JoAnn Sabo, 347 North Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green, Ohio, 43402.

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

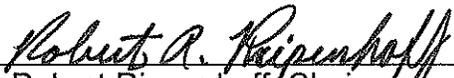
4. Within thirty (30) days of notification, address any comments or deficiencies noted by Ohio EPA on any plan or other documentation submitted by Putnam County-North Ottawa.
5. Within sixty (60) days of plan approval, Putnam County-North Ottawa will implement the approved DSOP in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-78(G)(2).
6. In the event that Putnam County-North Ottawa exceeds the TTHM or HAA5 MCLs, public notice will be issued in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-32.

Sincerely,



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

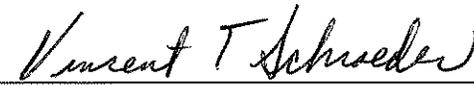
If it is your intent to comply with the safe drinking water laws and regulations in the manner specified, please sign this document and return it to the attention of Christel Sherron at Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, within fourteen (14) days. Your 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 Christel Sherron at (614) 644-2752.


Robert Riepenhoff, Chairman,
Putnam County Commissioners

9-24-07
Date


John Love,
Putnam County Commissioner

9/24/07
Date


Vincent Schroeder,
Putnam County Commissioner

9/24/07
Date