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February 17, 2005

RE: Holmes County
Yoder's Lumber Company, Inc.
Non-Transient, Non-Community
PWSID#: 3839219

Mr. Melvin Yoder, Owner
Yoder's Lumber Company, Inc.
3799 County Road 70
Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681

Hand Delivery

Dear Mr. Yoder:

The Yoder's Lumber Company's public water system has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, Yoder's Lumber Company exceeded the acute and monthly maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform, failed to collect five routine samples in the months following total coliform-positive results, and failed to issue public notices for past monitoring violations.

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) Immediately comply with the MCL requirements for total coliform bacteria, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-14.

2) Monitor for total coliform bacteria with a minimum of one routine sample per calendar quarter from the distribution system and perform any required repeat monitoring, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-21.

3) By February 28, 2005, post public notices for past total coliform monitoring violations for no less than seven (7) days in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-32. Send the public notices and verification forms to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Northeast District Office (NEDO), Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW), Attn: Michael Scott, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087.

4) By March 11, 2005 initiate an investigation, by hiring a registered well driller, of the well components and casing to determine possible causes of the bacteriological contamination. Within thirty (30) days of initiating the investigation, submit a written report of the findings and recommendations on the well components and casing to Ohio EPA, NEDO, DDAGW.

5) By March 11, 2005, initiate an investigation, by hiring a licensed plumber, on the interior plumbing to determine possible causes of the bacteriological contamination. Within thirty (30) days of initiating the investigation, submit a written report of the findings and recommendations on the distribution system to Ohio EPA, NEDO, DDAGW.

6) Within thirty (30) days of acceptance of recommendations by NEDO, implement corrective actions to the well components, casing, and/or distribution system.

7) By March 18, 2005, contract with a certified laboratory or a certified operator to collect required water samples for analysis. using City of Canton Lab. M.Y.

8) Comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements in accordance with the 2005 chemical monitoring entry point schedule and the 2005 chemical monitoring distribution schedule.

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 Larry Reeder 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 Larry Reeder at (614) 644-2752.

Melvin Yoder V.P. 2-17-05

Mr. Melvin Yoder, Owner
Yoder's Lumber Company, Inc.

Date