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February 8, 2022

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION – ACTION REQUIRED
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Ms. Nicole Ward, Safety Service Director
Galion City
301 Harding Way East
Galion, Ohio 44833

Re: Galion City
NOV
Drinking Water Program
Crawford County
PWS ID: OH1700211

Subject: Failure to Collect Required Water Quality Parameter Samples in the Distribution System and Report Sample Results on Time; Facility ID: DS1; Violation Type 53; Violation ID: 216

Dear Ms. Ward:

Optimal Water Quality Parameters were designated for this facility in the June 28, 2006 plan approval. During the July – December 2021 monitoring period, these requirements were not followed.

Galion City is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-87(A)(2) for failing to collect the required number of water quality parameter samples in the distribution system. Total alkalinity, orthophosphate and pH are required to be sampled at least twice from 10 taps in the distribution system every 6-months. During the July – December 2021 monitoring period, 6 taps in the distribution system were sampled twice for pH and total alkalinity and five taps were sampled once for pH and total alkalinity. Orthophosphate was collected at the required number of distribution system taps.

Galion City is also in violation of OAC Rule 3745-81-90 (A)(1) for failing to report the results of required water quality parameter sampling to Ohio EPA within ten days following the end of the month in which the system received the sample results. Water quality parameter monitoring was conducted in the distribution system during December 2021, but the results were not reported to Ohio EPA until January 12, 2022. Therefore, the water quality parameter data was not submitted to Ohio EPA within 10 days following the end of the month in which sample results were received and was reported late for the July – December 2021 monitoring period.

If water quality parameter samples were collected as required, submit the sample results to Ohio EPA as soon as possible.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. **As soon as practical, but no later than one year after** the date of this letter, notify your customers of this violation using the enclosed instructions and public notice.
2. **Within 10 days** of completing the public notification requirements, complete and send a verification form with a copy of the public notice to ralph.baker@epa.ohio.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A summary of the Director's Specified OWQP and monitoring requirements from the June 28, 2006, plan approval can be found in the tables below. Continue to follow the monitoring requirements and OWQPs as specified below.

Optimal WQP at the Entry Point to the Distribution System		
Parameter	Minimum Value	Frequency
pH (S.U.)	9.0	Biweekly (Every 14 days)
Orthophosphate (mg/L as PO ₄)	1.2	
Total Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO ₃)	28	
Total Phosphate (mg/L as P)	-	Monthly

Distribution WQP	
Parameters	Frequency
Orthophosphate Total Alkalinity pH	2 samples from 10 distribution taps on non-consecutive days every 6 months

Failure to comply with Chapter 6109 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules promulgated thereunder may result in an administrative or civil penalty. Please note that the submission of any requested information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek administrative or civil penalties as provided in Section 6109.23 and 6109.33 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, or any other matter involving your water system, please feel free to contact me by email at ralph.baker@epa.ohio.gov or by phone at (419) 373-3048.

Sincerely,

Ralph Baker

Ralph Baker
Environmental Engineer
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters

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*Enclosures: Tier 3 Monitoring Violation Public Notice
Public Notice Instructions and Verification Form*

cc: Crawford County Health Department
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Michael Deal, DDAGW-NWDO
Kimberly Burnham, DDAGW-NWDO
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DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Monitoring requirements not met for Galion City

We are required to monitor your drinking water for corrosion control indicators. During the July – December 2021 monitoring period, Galion City failed to collect the appropriate number of water quality parameter samples required by and failed to report water quality parameter results on time to Ohio EPA.

What Should I Do?

This notice is to inform you that Galion City did not monitor and/or report results for corrosion control indicators as required by Ohio EPA during the July – December 2021 monitoring period. You do not need to take any actions in response to this notice.

What Is Being Done?

Galion City will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Galion City at:

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: OH1700211

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(Return a copy to Ohio EPA with the verification form & retain a copy for your records.)

PUBLIC NOTICE INSTRUCTIONS AND VERIFICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH TIER 3 VIOLATIONS

The owner or operator of a community public water system with a Tier 3 violation or situation shall notify the persons served by the public water system as soon as practical but **no later than one year** after the system learns of the violation. At a minimum, community public water systems must issue the notice by **mail or other direct delivery**. Public notice issued by other methods shall be repeated annually as long as the violation or situation persists.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD(S) INDICATED BELOW, AS DESCRIBED IN THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 3745-81-32:

Required Method of Public Notification	Actual Method of Public Notification
<p>Use one or more of the following methods to reach all persons served by the public water system:</p> <p>Public notice issued by mail or other direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill and to other service connections to which water is delivered by the public water system. <i>The consumer confidence report (CCR) delivered to customers by July 1 of each year may be used as long as the public notice includes all the required content and is delivered within the required timeframe.</i></p>	<p>Describe actual methods used to notify public of the violation:</p> <p>Date of mailing/delivery: _____</p> <p><i>Please check if public notice was included in the yearly CCR</i> _____</p>
<p>If the above methods do not reach all persons served, also use any other method reasonably calculated to reach other persons regularly served by the public water system (e.g. publication in a local newspaper or newsletter, delivery of multiple copies for distribution by customers that provide their drinking water to others, posting in public places served by the system, use of e-mail or the Internet to notify employees or students, or delivery community organizations). <i>If the notice is posted, it shall remain in place as long as the violation exists, but in no case less than 7 days.</i></p>	<p>A. Method(s): _____ _____ _____</p> <p>B. Date(s): _____</p>

Please indicate below what public notice was used. INCLUDE A COPY OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE.

___ A public notice as provided was issued without changes.

___ A different public notice was issued **after consulting with Ohio EPA** on _____.

Signature of Responsible Person

Date

Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person

PWS NAME: Galion City

PWSID: OH1700211

Facility ID: DS1

COUNTY: Crawford

TYPE 53 WATER QUALITY PARAMETER M/R

July – December 2021

Violation ID: 216

For Ohio EPA Use Only:

Date PN received: _____