



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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November 2, 2004

Re: Holmes County  
Mount Hope Auction  
Transient, Non-Community  
PWSID: 3831412

Mr. Steve Mullet  
8076 State Route 241  
Mount Hope, Ohio 44660

Hand Delivery

Dear Mr. Mullet:

Mount Hope Auction's public water system has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, Mount Hope Auction exceeded the monthly and acute maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria, failed to conduct routine and repeat total coliform bacteria monitoring, failed to develop a total coliform bacteria sample siting plan and failed to issue public notices for many of these 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 (ORC) 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 OAC Rule 3745-81-21.
- 3) By November 12, 2004, develop a total coliform bacteria sample siting plan and submit a copy to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), Northeast District Office (NEDO), Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW), Attn: Michael Scott, 2110 E. Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087-1969, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-21.

Bob Taft, Governor  
Jennette Bradley, Lieutenant Governor  
Christopher Jones, Director

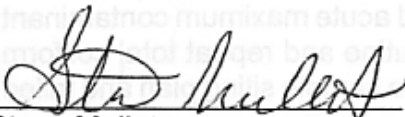
- 4) By November 12, 2004, post public notices for past total coliform monitoring violations and submit copies of the public notices and verification forms to OEPA, NEDO, DDAGW, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-32.

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 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.



Steve Mullet  
Mount Hope Auction

11-02-04  
Date