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RE: Montgomery County  
New Hope Open Bible Church  
Transient Noncommunity Water System  
PWSID#: OH5749312

New Hope Open Bible Church, Trustees  
c/o Pastor Brian Ehlers  
New Hope Open Bible Church  
8909 Diamond Mill Road  
Brookville, OH 45309

**Hand Delivery**

Dear Pastor Ehlers:

The New Hope Open Bible Church (New Hope) public water system (PWS) has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, New Hope has exceeded the total coliform bacteria maximum contaminant level (MCL) multiple times.

**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, remain in compliance and avoid possible legal action that could include civil penalties, it is agreed that New Hope Open Bible Church PWS will:

1. Within fourteen (14) days, post public notices for past violations of the MCL for total coliform bacteria for no less than seven (7) days in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-32. Send copies of the public notices and verification forms to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Southwest District Office (SWDO), Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Attn: Dave Secor, 401 East Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402.
2. Monitor for total coliform with one sample per calendar quarter from the distribution system and perform any required repeat monitoring, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-21.
3. Monitor for total coliform with one sample per month from the raw water tap for a period of six consecutive months from the effective date of this

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agreement. If any sample is total coliform positive, the sample shall also be tested for E. coli.

4. Comply with the monitoring and reporting requirements in accordance with the 2010 and all future chemical monitoring schedules.
5. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement, submit and institute a maintenance schedule for the water system's softener and filter.
6. If New Hope exceeds the total coliform MCL or fails to take required repeat samples following a total coliform routine sample, New Hope will submit plans for approval and install disinfection in order to maintain 0.2 mg/L of residual chlorine, in accordance with OAC Chapter 3745-91.

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 Tanushree Courlas 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 Tanushree Courlas at (614) 644-2752.



Pastor Brian Ehlers  
New Hope Open Bible Church

7/27/2010  
Date