



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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December 17, 2004

RE: Licking County  
Taco Bell - Buckeye Lake  
Transient, Non-Community  
PWSID#: 4542612

Jennifer Corathers  
Taco Bell - Buckeye Lake  
10800 Hebron Road  
Buckeye Lake, Ohio 43008

Dear Ms. Corathers:

**Hand Delivery**

The Taco Bell public water system (Taco Bell) has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, Taco Bell exceeded the acute and monthly maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform, failed to conduct repeat total coliform bacteria monitoring, failed to issue public notices for these violations, and failed to develop a total coliform bacteria sample siting plan.

**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 January 1, 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), Central District Office, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Attn: Linda Olvera, 3232 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43202.
- 4) By January 1, 2005, develop a written total coliform sample siting plan and submit a copy to Ohio EPA, CDO, DDAGW, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-21.

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

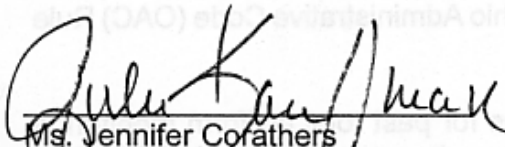
- 5) By January 28, 2005, initiate an investigation, by hiring a registered well driller, of the well components and casing to determine possible causes of the bacteriological contamination. Within thirty days of initiating the investigation, submit a written report of the findings and recommendations on the well components and casing to Ohio EPA, CDO, DDAGW.
- 6) By January 28, 2005, initiate an investigation, by hiring a licensed plumber, on the interior plumbing to determine possible causes of the bacteriological contamination. Within thirty days of initiating the investigation, submit a written report of the findings and recommendations on the distribution system to Ohio EPA, CDO, DDAGW.
- 7) Within 30 days of acceptance of recommendations by CDO, implement corrective actions to the well components, casing, and/or distribution system.

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 Emily Cushman 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 Emily Cushman at (614) 644-2752.



Ms. Jennifer Cofathers  
Taco Bell - Buckeye Lake

YP Operations  
PC Inc

12/17/04  
Date