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Willard Mobile Home Park Will Connect to City's Water System, Make Wastewater Plant Improvements

The owner of Willard Mobile Home Park in Huron County has until April 30, 2012, to connect to the city of Willard's public drinking water system and until Feb. 21, 2012, to bring its wastewater treatment system into compliance with its wastewater discharge permit.

In a [settlement](#) with Ohio EPA, IRBW Properties Ltd. of Broadview Heights agreed to take these and other actions following violations in the operations of the park's water and wastewater treatment plants. During the past several years, Ohio EPA received numerous complaints from residents about poor water pressure, color, odor and cloudiness of the drinking water.

Drinking water violations included failing to monitor for proper chlorine residual, disinfection byproducts (DBPs) and orthophosphate, failing to collect enough follow-up samples after a positive bacteria sample, exceeding maximum contaminate levels for two types of DBPs, exceeding secondary maximum contaminate levels for iron and failing to properly issue public notices of the DBP violations.

Until connection to the city water system is complete, the mobile home park must comply with drinking water monitoring requirements and maximum contaminant levels for iron and manganese, make sure all monthly operating reports are signed by the water system's operator of record and public notice any violations. After completion of the tie-in, and no later than May 31, 2012, the mobile home park must abandon its existing water system.

The park also had violations at its wastewater treatment plant. Owners were to make improvements to the plant by Oct. 1, 2008, but failed to begin construction until July 5, 2010. Multiple inspections from 2008 to 2010 found the plant's sand filters and chlorine tank were being bypassed, causing inadequately treated wastewater to discharge to Marsh Run.

Ohio EPA and the Huron County Health Department also received a complaint about the plant on Nov. 16, 2010. Inspectors found incomplete construction of the plant upgrades, tanks leaking sewage and causing an odor, failure to backfill around the tanks and a lack of fencing to secure the construction area.

For the wastewater plant violations, the owners agreed to pay a \$1,700 civil penalty, meet and maintain final effluent limits and comply with operator of record and minimum staffing requirements contained in its wastewater discharge permit.