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Dear Public Water System Operator:

Please see the attached letter from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Director Craig Butler outlining Agency’s plan to rotate staff facility assignments. The purpose of rotating staff is to make sure we are doing our job in a fair and responsible way and to provide you with the best customer service. We believe staff rotation will enhance the uniformity of our inspections while also providing new perspectives and ideas, greatly improving the overall effectiveness of our efforts.

The Drinking Water Program staff assignments will change approximately every six years. For community public water system, this means the same staff person will likely complete two sanitary survey inspections which are required every three years. For non-community public water systems, surveys must be completed every five years and, therefore, the same staff person will likely complete one sanitary survey before being re-assigned. You can count on your inspector to answer questions you may have and provide technical assistance during the time they are assigned to your facility. Other staff, including previous inspectors assigned to your facility, will also be available if necessary.

We have already reassigned some staff and you may have already met your new inspector. For some facilities staff rotations may not occur for several years.

If you have any questions about our staff rotation initiative, please contact your district office drinking water manager listed below.

Sincerely,

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