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November 3, 2005

RE: Athens County
Burr Oak Regional Water District
Community
PWSID#: 0501311

Kent Nichols
Burr Oak Regional Water District
23554 Jenkins Dam Rd.
Glouster, Ohio 45732

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Hand Delivery

The Burr Oak Regional Water District (Burr Oak) public water system has violated Ohio's safe drinking water laws. Specifically, Burr Oak failed to achieve the per cent removal of total organic carbon specified in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-81-77 between the source water and the combined filter effluent.

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) Provide monthly reports by the tenth (10th) of every month to the Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office (SEDO), Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Attn: Jeff Crisler, 2195 Front Street, Logan, Ohio 43138, on the status of construction for the new ground water treatment plant, well field and connecting distribution system.
- 2) By November 20, 2005, Burr Oak shall respond to the comment letter sent on July 20, 2005 with revised detail plans for the raw and finished water lines.
- 3) By December 31, 2007, place the new ground water treatment plant and new well field in operation.
- 4) By April 30, 2008, disconnect the filter effluent piping with a physical air gap between the clearwells and filters to ensure potable water is not being distributed or sold for public consumption from the surface water treatment plant.

Bob Taft, Governor
Bruce Johnson, Lieutenant Governor
Joseph P. Koncelik, Director

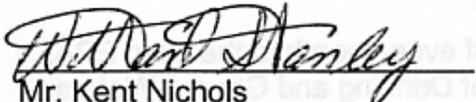
- 5) By December 31, 2007, begin monthly monitoring for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) and haloacetic acids five (HAA5) at the maximum residency (MR001) site in Burr Oak's water system and at the Old Straitsville Water Association, Inc.'s MR001 site to confirm the lower TTHMs and HAA5 levels. Monthly monitoring must continue to be performed for six months. After six months, continue monitoring for TTHM and HAA5 in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-81-24, unless notified otherwise.

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.



Mr. Kent Nichols
Burr Oak Regional Water District

Date 11/3/05