



March 1, 2024

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**RE: Warning letter for lack of adequate surface water treatment at the SUMNER WATER CO-OP public water system**

Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services (DWS) records indicate that you represent the SUMNER WATER CO-OP water system identified by 41-00209 and serving approximately 24 people. This is classified as an Oregon Very Small (OVS) system as defined by Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0100.

SUMNER WATER CO-OP is supplied by a surface water source. All surface water sources must be disinfected and/or filtered according to OAR 333-061-0100(3)(c). DWS has found that the water system is not in compliance with surface water treatment requirements. The owners or operators of the SUMNER WATER CO-OP water system must create a plan for installation of the required water treatment. The plan should include:

- A description of the type of treatment to be installed (for example: cartridge filtration, slow sand filtration, UV and residual chlorination).
- Make and model of treatment systems.
- An installation timeline including the date by which adequately treated water will be provided to all customers.

The plan must be submitted to DWS by April 30, 2024. Technical assistance is available upon request to help you through this process.

Until SUMNER WATER CO-OP becomes compliant with all water treatment requirements, public notice must be issued to all water users as follows:

- Delivered by hand to all residential users served by the water system; or
- Posted in a conspicuous location so that all non-residential users have access to and may readily observe the notice; and
- Written in all appropriate languages; and
- Republished every 90 days or remain posted while the situation continues.

Continued noncompliance may result in additional enforcement action including civil penalties as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0090. Please contact Daniel Hough at 503-956-2118, or [daniel.l.hough@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:daniel.l.hough@oha.oregon.gov), to discuss the actions required in this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,



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enclosure: Requirements for Oregon Very Small Water Systems

cc: Kent Downs, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services  
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