Public Health Division

Drinking Water Services

Tina Kotek, Governor

April 28, 2025

Justin Poyser City of Gladstone 18505 Portland Ave, Gladstone, OR 97027

RE: Maximum contaminant level exceeded for haloacetic acids and total trihalomethanes at the City of Gladstone public water system, ID# 00321

Dear Justin Poyser,

Sample results reported for the City of Gladstone indicate that the average concentration of both haloacetic acids (HAA5) and total trihalomethanes (TTHM) in drinking water exceed the respective maximum contaminant levels. TTHM exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.060 mg/L at three sampling locations, and HAA5 exceeds the MCL of 0.080 mg/L at four sampling locations. HAA5 and TTHM are drinking water contaminants and some people who drink water containing HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Consuming water containing TTHM in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Please continue consultation with Keith Male of the Oregon health Authority so that you can abate HAA5 and TTHM formation as quickly as possible.

You must also:

1) Submit a written plan to both bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov and keith.male@oha.oregon.gov, no later than 90 days after the date of this letter, identifying the corrective action you will take to reduce the concentrations of HAA5 and TTHM in drinking water to below the MCL. The corrective action plan must include a projected date by which you can, as quickly as possible, provide safe drinking water to water users.

Possible corrective actions to abate HAA5 and TTHM concentrations include:

800 NE Oregon Street, Suite #640, Portland, OR 97232-2162
Voice: 971-673-0504 | Fax: 971-673-0694
All relay calls accepted | http://healthoregon.org/dwp

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- Installing water treatment to remove disinfection byproduct precursors;
- Improving operating practices or existing treatment processes to prevent the formation of HAA5 and TTHM;
- Disconnecting a water source from your water system and identifying how you will provide an approved alternate source of water; or
- Connecting to another public water system.
- 2) Issue public notice to customers as quickly as possible and submit a copy to DWS at compliance.dw@odhsoha.oregon.gov within 30 days of the date of this letter. An appropriate public notice template is available online at https://www.oregon.gov/public-notices. Please complete the template with information for your water system. This notice must be re-issued every three months until the contamination has been resolved.

If water system alterations are necessary to resolve the contamination, construction plans must be approved according to OAR 333-061-0060 prior to construction of new treatment facilities or modifications to existing water system facilities.

You can contact DWS circuit rider for technical assistance at mgochnour@civilwest.net or 541-266-8601. Visit the webpage: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/OPERATIONS/Pages/circuitrider.aspx for more information about the DWS circuit rider program.

The actions described in this letter are required by Oregon Administrative Rules 333-061-0025, 333-061-0030 and 333-061-0042. Please contact me at bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov or (503) 735-5438 if you have any questions about the compliance actions specified in this letter.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Brad K. Daniels

Compliance Specialist

Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

cc: Keith Male, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services