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RE: Notice of failure to correct significant deficiencies at the Charles Tracts Water Company public water system

Records indicate Charles Tracts Water Company owns and operates the public water system (hereinafter "Water System"), identified by public water system ID# OR4100371 and serving residences and businesses near the intersections of U.S. Highway 395 and both Klaus Road to the south and Robnett Street to the north, north of Hermiston, Oregon. Charles Tracts Water Company (hereinafter "Water Supplier") is therefore a water supplier as defined in ORS 448.115(12) and OAR 333-061-0020(150) and has specific responsibilities as defined in OAR 333-061-0025.

The Water System is subject to regulation according to the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (Oregon Revised Statutes 448.115 to 448.290) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0005 through OAR 333-061-0272.

OAR 333-061-0076(5) requires water suppliers to correct significant deficiencies identified during sanitary surveys or to comply with an approved corrective action schedule. The Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services (DWS) reviewed the operation of the Water System and found that four significant deficiencies remain uncorrected following two consecutive sanitary surveys:

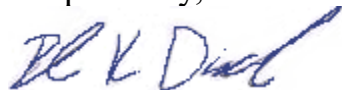
1. Failure to publish an annual consumer confidence report;
2. Failure to employ or utilize a certified water system operator;
3. The lack of a water system emergency response plan; and
4. The lack of a water system operations and maintenance manual.

Water Supplier has not reported that these deficiencies were corrected by the specified due dates, following the surveys conducted on September 18, 2019 and August 4, 2022 respectively. Water Supplier is therefore not in compliance with OAR 333-061-0076(5) and not meeting its responsibilities as a water supplier.

Please submit written verification to bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov within 30 days of the date of this notice, demonstrating that this deficiency was corrected.

If Water Supplier does not comply with the deadline specified in this letter, the continued non-compliance may result in additional enforcement action, which could include the assessment of civil penalties in the amount of \$100 for every distinct rule violation and for every day the Water System is in violation of a rule as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0090. Contact me at bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov or (503) 735-5438 if you have any questions about the compliance action specified in this letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BK Daniels", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brad K. Daniels

Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

cc: Bill Goss, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services
Scott Shearer, Oregon Public Utility Commission
Amy Word, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services