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Michael Bollweg  
City of Monroe  
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RE: Maximum contaminant level exceeded for total trihalomethanes at the City of Monroe public water system

Dear Mr. Bollweg,

Sample results reported for your water system indicate that concentrations of total trihalomethanes in drinking water exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.080 mg/L, in violation of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0030(2)(b).

Drinking water with concentrations of trihalomethanes exceeding the MCL can cause adverse health effects. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes 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. OAR 333-061-0097

1. You must submit a written action plan within 90 days of the date of this letter, identifying the corrective action you will take to reduce total trihalomethanes 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. If water system modifications are necessary to resolve the contamination, the plan must include dates for the submission of plans to Drinking Water Services for review and approval prior to construction. Possible corrective actions include, but are not limited to:

- Installing water treatment to remove disinfection byproduct precursors;
- Improving operating practices or existing treatment processes to prevent the formation of trihalomethanes;
- Disconnecting a water source from your water system and providing an approved alternate source of water; or
- Connecting to or consolidating with another public water system.

1) You must also issue public notice to all customers within 30 days of the date of this letter. A public notice template is available online at <http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/Operations/Pages/publicnotices.aspx>. Please complete the template with information for the City of Monroe and distribute the notice to customers as soon as possible. You must submit a copy of the notice to Drinking Water Services within ten days of distributing the notice to customers. This notice must be re-issued every three months until the contamination has been resolved.

The actions described in this letter are required by Oregon Administrative Rules 333-061-0025, OAR 333-061-0030 and 333-061-0042. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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cc: Rick Hohnbaum, City of Monroe  
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